

**Constitutive activation of cellular immunity underlies the evolution of  
resistance to infection in *Drosophila***

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## Abstract

5   Organisms rely on inducible and constitutive immune defences to combat  
6   infection. Constitutive immunity enables a rapid response to infection but may  
7   carry a cost for uninfected individuals, leading to the prediction that it will be  
8   favoured when infection rates are high. When we exposed populations of  
9   *Drosophila melanogaster* to intense parasitism by the parasitoid wasp  
10   *Leptopilina boulardi*, they evolved resistance by developing a more reactive  
11   cellular immune response. Using single-cell RNA sequencing, we found that  
12   immune-inducible genes had become constitutively upregulated. This was the  
13   result of resistant larvae differentiating precursors of specialized immune cells  
14   called lamellocytes that were previously only produced after infection.  
15   Therefore, populations evolved resistance by genetically hard-wiring the first  
16   steps of an induced immune response to become constitutive.

## Introduction

A fundamental division within immune systems is between induced and constitutive immune defences. Constitutive immunity is always active, even in the absence of infection. For example, uninfected individuals produce natural antibodies (Savage et al., 2017), immune cells and antimicrobial peptides (AMPs) (Lemaitre and Hoffmann, 2007). In contrast, induced immune responses are triggered after infection, which frequently involve amplifying existing constitutive factors. This can include immune cells proliferating and differentiating, and the massive upregulation of AMPs and cytotoxic molecules (Lemaitre and Hoffmann, 2007). Constitutive immunity is fast, allowing hosts to avoid becoming infected altogether or to rapidly clear infections. However, immune defences can be costly, diverting limited resources from other fitness-related traits (Bajgar et al., 2015) or damaging the host through immunopathology (Graham et al., 2005; Sadd and Siva-Jothy, 2006). While induced immune responses only incur these costs after infection, they are always present for constitutive immunity, even in the absence of infection. This trade-off between speed and cost is predicted to govern the allocation of host investment into constitutive and induced immunity (Boots and Best, 2018; Shudo and Iwasa, 2001). Theoretical models predict that the key parameter determining which type of defence should be favoured is the frequency that hosts are exposed to infection—more frequent exposure favours constitutive defences (Shudo and Iwasa, 2001). In support of this, bacteria tend to evolve phage resistance by altering surface receptors when exposure is high and rely on induced CRISPR-Cas immunity when exposure is low (Westra et al., 2015). However, despite

42 there being variation in the extent of constitutive versus induced immunity  
43 within populations (Jent et al., 2019), to our knowledge the key prediction that  
44 high rates of parasitism lead to induced immune responses becoming  
45 constitutively expressed has not been demonstrated.

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47 To investigate these questions, we examined how the constitutive and induced  
48 cellular immune defences of *Drosophila melanogaster* evolve under high parasite  
49 pressure. Cellular immunity in *D. melanogaster* involves blood cells called  
50 hemocytes, which play the equivalent role to leukocytes in vertebrates. In  
51 uninfected larvae there are two morphological and functional classes of  
52 hemocytes. Plasmatocytes constitute the majority of cells and have diverse  
53 functions including phagocytosis and AMP production (Honti et al., 2014).  
54 Crystal cells are a less abundant specialized cell type that produces the  
55 prophenoloxidase molecules PPO1 and PPO2, which are processed into enzymes  
56 required for the melanization of parasites and wound healing (Dudzic et al.,  
57 2015). Infection can trigger an induced response, where these cell types  
58 proliferate, and cells called lamellocytes differentiate from circulating  
59 plasmatocytes, and prohemocytes and plasmatocytes in the lymph gland (Cho et  
60 al., 2020; Honti et al., 2014). Lamellocytes are large flat cells with a specialised  
61 role in encapsulating and killing large parasites like parasitic wasps  
62 (parasitoids). When a parasitoid lays its egg into *D. melanogaster* larvae,  
63 plasmatocytes adhere to the egg. Then, as lamellocytes differentiate they create  
64 additional cellular layers known as a 'capsule'. Finally, the capsule is melanised  
65 by the activity of phenoloxidases produced in crystal cells and lamellocytes  
66 (Dudzic et al., 2015). The melanin physically encases the parasitoid and toxic by-



67 products of the melanisation reaction likely contribute to parasite killing (Nappi  
68 et al., 2009).

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70 There is substantial genetic variation in susceptibility to parasitoid infection  
71 within *D. melanogaster* populations (Kraaijeveld and Godfray, 1999), and this is  
72 associated with an increase in the number of circulating hemocytes (Kraaijeveld  
73 et al., 2001; McGonigle et al., 2017). Here, we used a combination of  
74 experimental evolution with physiological assays and single-cell RNA sequencing  
75 to examine how a high rate of parasitism by the parasitoid wasp *L. boulardi*  
76 affects constitutive and induced immune defences.

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## 78 **Results**

### 79 **The evolution of resistance is associated with a more reactive immune** 80 **response**

81 To investigate the evolution of the cellular immune response, we allowed  
82 genetically diverse populations of *D. melanogaster* to evolve under intense levels  
83 of parasitism. We established an outbred population from 377 wild-caught *D.*  
84 *melanogaster* females, and used this to found six experimental populations that  
85 were maintained at population sizes of 200 flies. In three of these populations,  
86 larvae were infected every generation, and flies that survived by encapsulating  
87 and melanising the wasp were used to establish the next generation (Figure 1A,  
88 High Parasitism populations). The other three populations were maintained in  
89 the same conditions but without infection (Figure 1A, No Parasitism  
90 populations). In line with previous studies (Fellowes et al., 1998; McGonigle et  
91 al., 2017), the High Parasitism populations increased in resistance over the

generations (Figure 1B, Selection regime x Generation:  $\chi^2 = 91.41$ , d.f. = 1,  $p < 10^{-15}$ ). After 33 generations, a mean of 76% of flies survived infection in the High Parasitism populations, compared to 10% in the No Parasitism controls.

As populations evolved resistance, they melanised parasitoids at a higher rate (Figure 1B). This could result from increased activity of the encapsulation immune response, or because the flies are evolving to escape the effects of immunosuppressive molecules produced by the parasite. To distinguish these possibilities, we measured the ability of each population to react to an inert object. When a small volume of paraffin oil is injected into the larval haemocoel, it remains as a sphere and can be encapsulated (Havard et al., 2009). Populations that evolved without parasitism show a very limited reaction to the oil droplets (Figure 1C). In contrast, approximately half of larvae from selected populations encapsulate the oil droplet (Figure 1C; Selection Regime:  $\chi^2 = 73.35$ , d.f. = 1,  $p = 2 \times 10^{-16}$ ). Therefore, high levels of parasitism led to the cellular immune system evolving a more active encapsulation response.

### **Constitutive upregulation of immune-induced genes**

Underlying induced immune responses is a transcriptional response to infection, so we examined how the hemocyte transcriptome altered in populations that evolved under high levels of parasitism. We harvested circulating hemocytes from *Drosophila* larvae and sequenced the transcriptomes of individual cells using the 10X Genomics platform. Initially, we pooled and jointly analysed RNAseq reads sequenced from all cells, effectively treating them as 'bulk' RNAseq data. This allowed us to investigate global changes in hemocyte gene

117 expression following infection and adaptation to high rates of parasitism (Figure  
118 2A).

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120 Forty-eight hours after flies were infected with parasitoid wasps there was a  
121 strong transcriptional response to infection (Figure 2B-C). Strikingly, when flies  
122 adapted to high parasitism conditions they showed similar transcriptional  
123 changes, even when uninfected. This can be seen by comparing the induced  
124 changes in gene expression that occur after infection to the constitutive changes  
125 in gene expression that occur after adapting to high rates of parasitism (Figure  
126 2B, 2: Y axis). Taking the 173 genes that had at least a 50% change in transcript  
127 levels after infection or selection, in every case the direction of change was the  
128 same after infection and adaptation to high parasitism (Figure 2B). These genes  
129 were enriched for biological roles such as cytoskeletal organization and cell  
130 adhesion (Supplementary file 1). We verified that the evolved response  
131 mimicked the induced response by using quantitative PCR (qPCR) to measure  
132 the expression of the lamellocyte marker *atilla* and the anti-parasitoid effector  
133 gene *PPO3* (Figure 2 — figure supplement 1). Again, we found that high rates of  
134 parasitism led to these immune-induced genes becoming constitutively  
135 upregulated. Therefore, as populations evolved resistance, the induced  
136 transcriptional response to infection has become in part genetically hard-wired  
137 and constitutive.

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139 We took the same approach to examine how the induced transcriptional  
140 response to infection changed as populations evolved resistance. We found that

141 the transcriptional response to infection involved the same genes in the different  
142 populations (Figure 2B versus 2C). However, the magnitude of the changes in  
143 gene expression was substantially less in populations that had evolved under  
144 high parasite pressure (Figure 2B versus 2C). Therefore, the increase in  
145 constitutive gene expression has been matched by a decrease in induced  
146 expression. Again, this was verified by qPCR (Figure 2 — figure supplement 1).  
147 This is consistent with there being a ‘maximum’ level of expression of these  
148 genes, so an increase in constitutive gene expression will lead to a decrease in  
149 induced expression. In support of this, combining the constitutive and induced  
150 changes in gene expression, the hemocyte transcriptome after infection is similar  
151 in the populations that evolved under high levels of parasitism and the controls  
152 (Figure 2C). Therefore, an induced response has become genetically fixed, as  
153 opposed to selection leading to a greater total response.

#### 154 **scRNA-seq reveals novel hemocyte types**

155 The global changes in hemocyte transcriptomes could result from a change in the  
156 relative proportion of cell types in the hemocyte population, or from a shift in  
157 gene expression within existing cell types. We therefore used the same data  
158 analysed above but investigated gene expression within individual cells. The  
159 three classical *Drosophila* hemocyte types were originally defined  
160 morphologically, but emerging single cell transcriptomic data suggests that  
161 *Drosophila* hemocyte populations are more complex than this (Cattenoz et al.,  
162 2020; Cho et al., 2020; Fu et al., 2020; Gopal Tattikota et al., 2019). Excluding  
163 cells that did not express the pan-hemocyte markers *Hemese* or *Serpent*

164 (Banerjee et al., 2019; Vivancos and Giangrande, 1997), we grouped 19,344  
165 larval hemocytes into nine clusters based on their transcriptomes (Figure 3A).  
166 Neither infection nor selection leads to the appearance of new cell states (Figure  
167 3B).

168 We identified two large clusters of plasmatocytes. The largest was PLASM1,  
169 which we classify as the cycling plasmatocyte state as it had the greatest number  
170 of replicating cells in the G2M or S phase (Figure 3—figure supplement 1). The  
171 5,712 cells in this cluster had high expression of genes associated with  
172 plasmatocytes (*Col4a1*, *Pxn*, *eater*, *Hml*, *NimC1* (Banerjee et al., 2019)) and  
173 actively replicating cells (*stg* (Edgar and O’Farrell, 1990), *polo* (Glover, 2005) and  
174 *scra* (Oegema et al., 2000)) (Figure 3—figure supplement 2A). The next largest  
175 cluster, PLASM2, contained 2,874 plasmatocytes that were enriched for the  
176 genes encoding rRNA (Figure 3—figure supplement 2B) or involved in the  
177 ribosome biogenesis (Supplementary file 2). There were two smaller  
178 plasmatocyte clusters. The AMP cluster contained 196 cells with elevated  
179 expression of genes encoding antimicrobial and antifungal peptides, including  
180 *Drs*, *Mtk* and *CecA1* (Lemaitre and Hoffmann 2007, Figure 3—figure supplement  
181 2B; Supplementary file 2). The MET cluster contained 283 cells with high  
182 expression of the heat shock proteins *Hsp24* and *Hsp27* and genes involved in  
183 organic acid metabolism (Figure 3—figure supplement 2B; Supplementary file  
184 2). The crystal cells formed a single cluster of 906 cells (Figure 3A). Three  
185 clusters of cells, LAM 1, 2 and 3, had elevated expression of one or more  
186 lamellocyte marker genes (Banerjee et al., 2019) (Figure 3—figure supplement  
187 2C) and contained 1,260, 5,104 and 3,000 cells respectively.

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189 Two similar scRNA-seq studies of *D. melanogaster* larval hemocytes have  
190 recently been published, so we investigated whether they identified similar  
191 clusters of cells to us (Cattenoz et al., 2020; Gopal Tattikota et al., 2020). For  
192 each of the three datasets, we assigned cells to the clusters identified in the other  
193 two studies. We found that all three analyses identified very similar clusters of  
194 crystal cells, lamellocytes and AMP-expressing plasmatocytes (Figure 3—figure  
195 supplement 3). However, there was less correspondence between studies for the  
196 other clusters of plasmatocytes (Figure 3—figure supplement 3).

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#### 198 **Inducible cell states are present constitutively in resistant populations**

199 Lamellocytes are key effector cells in the anti-parasitoid immune response. In  
200 populations that evolved without exposure to parasitoids, infection resulted in a  
201 large increase in the number of cells in all three lamellocyte clusters (LAM1-3,  
202 Figure 3B-C). In populations that evolved under high levels of parasitism, this  
203 inducible response become constitutive, with uninfected larvae having 3-5 fold  
204 more cells in LAM1 and 2 (Figure 3C). However, this was matched by a reduction  
205 in the induced response, so the final number of cells in these clusters after  
206 infection was similar regardless of whether the populations had adapted to high  
207 or low parasitism rates (Figure 3B-C). These results held when replicate  
208 populations were analyzed separately (Figure 3—figure supplement 5A, B) or  
209 when the number of cells in each library were down-sampled to match the  
210 library with the least number of cells (Figure 3—figure supplement 5C).

211 Therefore, when populations evolved under high infection rates this led to the  
212 differentiation of specialised immune cells occurring in uninfected individuals.

213 To investigate the developmental origins of this change, we reconstructed the  
214 pathway by which plasmacytes differentiate into mature lamellocytes. By  
215 subclustering the cells and ordering them along a pseudotemporal scale, we  
216 found a single lineage starting from the self-cycling plasmacytes (PLASM1) and  
217 ending in LAM3 (Fig. 4A). Along this lineage there was a decrease in cell  
218 replication, with the largest fraction of cells in the G2M and S phase in PLASM1  
219 and the largest fraction in G1 in LAM3 (Figure 4—figure supplement 1A).

220 Importantly, controlling for the effects of cell cycle had a negligible impact on the  
221 clustering (Supplementary file 4) and the trajectory of lamellocyte  
222 differentiation (Figure 4—figure supplement 1B). The expression of numerous  
223 genes changed as cells progressed along this trajectory (Figure 4—figure  
224 supplement 1C, Supplementary file 5), including increases in the expression of  
225 the lamellocyte effector gene *PPO3* and the lamellocyte marker *atilla* (Figure 4B,  
226 4C). To understand the functional significance of the changes we used a gene  
227 ontology analysis. Genes involved in actin-filament based processes and  
228 biological adhesion were significantly upregulated in the terminal lamellocyte  
229 cluster, possibly reflecting the changes in cell morphology and the role of  
230 lamellocytes in capsule formation (Figure 4D). On the other hand, genes involved  
231 in extracellular structure organization were down-regulated as cells  
232 differentiated (Figure 4D and Supplementary file 6). This likely reflects the loss  
233 of the ability of cells to secrete extracellular matrix, which is a house-keeping  
234 function of plasmacytes (Bunt et al., 2010; Olofsson and Page, 2005). Together,  
235 these results suggest that LAM1 and LAM2 cells are immature lamellocytes,

236 while LAM3 cells are mature lamellocytes. Consistent with this finding, the  
 237 mature lamellocyte cluster LAM3 strongly corresponds to mature lamellocyte  
 238 clusters defined in previously published larval hemocyte scRNA-seq data sets  
 239 (Cattenoz et al., 2020 - LM-1; Tattikota et al., 2020 - LM2) (Figure 3—figure  
 240 supplement 3). Similarly, the immature lamellocyte clusters, LAM1 and 2, match  
 241 the immature lamellocyte clusters in those studies (Cattenoz et al., 2020 - LM-2;  
 242 Tattikota et al., 2020 - LM1) (Figure 3—figure supplement 3).  
 243 Comparing our populations, the inducible production of immature lamellocytes  
 244 (LAM1 and 2) has become entirely constitutive in the populations evolved under  
 245 high rates of parasitism, while the production of mature lamellocytes (LAM3)  
 246 response remains largely inducible (Figure 3C). The differentiation of these cells  
 247 explains the changes in gene expression that we observed in pooled cells after  
 248 infection or selection (Fig. 1)—168 of the 173 genes with at least a 50% change  
 249 in expression in Figure 1 also change expression in the same direction as cells  
 250 differentiate from plasmatocytes into lamellocytes (PLASM1 vs LAM3). Together  
 251 these results suggests that high infection rates result in the cellular immune  
 252 response becoming ‘primed’ by constitutively producing the precursors of the  
 253 cells required for parasite killing.

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## 255 **Morphological differentiation of lamellocytes remains an inducible** 256 **response**

257 Lamellocytes are classically defined morphologically as large flattened cells. As  
 258 expected, the proportion of morphologically identifiable lamellocytes increased  
 259 after infection (Figure 5A and Figure 5 — figure supplement 1; Treatment:  $\chi^2=$



48.14, d.f= 1,  $p=3.97 \times 10^{-12}$ ). However, in contrast to our analysis of single cell transcriptomes, there was little difference between selection regimes in the proportion of these cells in either infected or uninfected larvae (Figure 5A and Figure 5 — figure supplement 1; Selection regime x Treatment:  $\chi^2= 0.16$ , d.f= 1,  $p=0.69$ ; Selection regime:  $\chi^2= 0.41$ , d.f= 1,  $p=0.52$ ). This suggests that while the transcriptional state of cells has been constitutively activated, the change in cell morphology, corresponding to the final step of lamellocytes maturation, remains an inducible response. These cells may be equivalent to hemocytes called lamelloblasts, which morphologically resemble plasmatocytes but are induced by parasitoid infection and likely give rise to lamellocytes (Anderl et al., 2016). To test this hypothesis, we used microscopy to measure both cell morphology and, as a marker of the transcriptional state of the cells, atilla expression (Figure 5 — figure supplement 2). In line with our scRNAseq data, both infection and adaptation to high parasitism rates increases the proportion of atilla positive cells (Figure 5C; Selection Regime x Treatment:  $F=25.7$ , d.f=1,8,  $p=0.0009$ ). However, among the atilla positive cells, infection had a large effect on cell size (Fig. 5C; Treatment:  $F=41.6$ , d.f.=1,7,  $p=0.0003$ ), while selection had a small effect (Fig. 5C; Selection Regime:  $F=4.9$ , d.f.=1,7,  $p=0.06$ ). Therefore, while selection has resulted in the constitutive transcriptional activation of cells, changes in lamellocyte morphology remain largely an inducible response.

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### 281 **High parasitism rates lead to changes to hematopoiesis**

282 In addition to the change in the transcriptional state of cells in circulation, we  
283 found that the populations maintained under strong parasite pressure evolved a  
284 constitutive increase in the number of hemocytes in circulation (Figure 5B and

285 Figure 5 — figure supplement 1; Selection regime:  $\chi^2= 22.37$ , d.f= 1,  $p=2.25 \times 10^{-6}$ . This increase in circulating hemocytes supports results from previous  
 286 6). This increase in circulating hemocytes supports results from previous  
 287 selection experiments (Kraaijeveld et al., 2001; McGonigle et al., 2017) and  
 288 comparative analyses (Eslin and Prevost, 1998). *Drosophila* populations can  
 289 increase the number of circulating hemocytes by relocating sessile hemocytes  
 290 into circulation or by increasing the total number of hemocytes (McGonigle et al.,  
 291 2017). We found that populations maintained under the high parasitism regime  
 292 increased the total number of hemocytes, rather than move cells from the sessile  
 293 compartment into circulation (Figure 5 — figure supplement 5; Selection regime:  
 294  $\chi^2= 34.79$ , d.f= 1,  $p=3.67 \times 10^{-9}$ ; Selection regime \* Compartment:  $\chi^2= 2.41$ , d.f= 1,  
 295  $p=0.12$ ). In accordance with this result, the number of crystal cells in the sessile  
 296 compartment was not altered in populations maintained with high parasitism  
 297 (Figure 5 — figure supplement 6; Selection regime:  $\chi^2= 0.014$ , d.f= 1,  $p=0.91$ ).  
 298 The increase in hemocyte number is another aspect of the induced response that  
 299 has become constitutive.  
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 301 Lamellocytes can differentiate from sessile or circulating plasmatocytes, or from  
 302 cells in the lymph gland, which is the larval hematopoietic organ. To investigate  
 303 how adaptation to high parasitism conditions affected this organ, we performed  
 304 immunostainings with antibodies recognizing two integrin subunits,  
 305 *myospheroid* (*mys*) and the *Integrin alphaPS4 subunit* ( $\alpha$ -PS4) (Figure 5 — figure  
 306 supplement 3). Immature lamellocytes are *mys*<sup>+</sup>  $\alpha$ -PS4<sup>-</sup> whereas mature  
 307 lamellocytes are *mys*<sup>+</sup>  $\alpha$ -PS4<sup>+</sup> (Louradour et al., 2017). Mature and immature  
 308 lamellocytes are detected in larvae raised with and without parasitism both in  
 309 mid and late L3 stage (Figure 5D and Figure 5 – figure supplement 3). However,

310 populations that adapted to high rates of parasitism have a higher number of  
 311 lymph glands containing immature lamellocytes (Figure 5D; main effect selection  
 312 regime:  $\chi^2 = 6.90$ , d.f. = 1,  $p = 0.009$ ), and a non-significant trend towards a higher  
 313 number of mature lamellocytes (Figure 5D ; main effect selection regime:  $\chi^2 =$   
 314 3.13, d.f. = 1,  $p = 0.08$ ). We also analysed lymph gland disruption. In the absence of  
 315 parasitism, lymph glands remain intact until metamorphosis (Grigorian et al.,  
 316 2011). In response to parasitism by wasps, the larval organ is prematurely  
 317 disrupted, leading to the release of lymph gland hemocytes in circulation  
 318 (Louradour et al., 2017). Across all our populations, in the absence of wasp  
 319 parasitism, we found that at least 25% of lymph glands were disrupted (Figure  
 320 5E and figure 5 – supplement 3). Furthermore, in populations raised under high  
 321 parasitism the proportion of disrupted lymph glands increased up to 60% at the  
 322 late L3 larval stage (Figure 5E; selection regime\*larval stage:  $\chi^2 = 3.46$ , d.f. = 1,  
 323  $p = 0.06$ ). Therefore, adaptation to high parasitism leads to an increase in both the  
 324 differentiation of lamellocyte precursors in the lymph gland and the premature  
 325 disruption of lymph glands. Together our analyses of both circulating hemocytes  
 326 and lymph glands indicate that the *Drosophila* populations that evolved under  
 327 the high parasitism regime are primed for lamellocyte differentiation.

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329 Based on our analyses of both circulating hemocytes and lymph glands, we  
 330 hypothesised that accelerated lamellocyte production during infection underlies  
 331 the evolution of resistance. To investigate this hypothesis, we counted the  
 332 number of hemocytes during the course of infection (Figure 5 — figure  
 333 supplement 4). In line with our earlier results, infected larvae from populations  
 334 selected under high parasitism produced more hemocytes overall and more

335 lamellocytes specifically (total hemocytes, selection regime:  $\chi^2 = 70$ , d.f. = 1,  
 336  $p < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$ ; lamellocytes, selection regime:  $\chi^2 = 14.92$ , d.f. = 1,  $p = 0.11 \times 10^{-3}$ ).  
 337 Supporting our hypothesis, the dynamics of lamellocyte production differs  
 338 between selection regimes, with populations selected under high parasitism  
 339 producing higher proportions of lamellocytes at earlier time points (Figure 5 —  
 340 figure supplement 4; Lamellocyte proportion, selection regime\*time point:  $\chi^2 =$   
 341 36.56, d.f. = 3,  $p = 5.69 \times 10^{-8}$ ). At the early timepoint of 12 hours post infection,  
 342 lamellocyte concentration was eight times higher in the populations that had  
 343 evolved under high parasitism rates while total hemocytes was 2.5 times higher  
 344 (Figure 5 — figure supplement 4). This fast increase in circulating hemocytes  
 345 numbers is likely explained by a combination of cell proliferation and relocation  
 346 of sessile hemocytes into circulation, since lymph glands take longer to respond  
 347 to parasitism (Sorrentino et al., 2002). Altogether, these results support the  
 348 hypothesis that constitutive activation of immune defences allows hosts to  
 349 mount more rapid immune responses.

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## 351 **Discussion**

352 Our results support the hypothesis that natural selection favours constitutive  
 353 defences when infection is common (Boots and Best, 2018; Shudo and Iwasa,  
 354 2001; Westra et al., 2015) by demonstrating that an inducible immune response  
 355 becomes constitutive when populations frequently encounter a parasite. The  
 356 induced immune response to parasitoids relies on the differentiation of  
 357 lamellocytes from embryonic-derived plasmatocytes, lymph gland prohemocytes  
 358 (Honti et al., 2014) and lymph gland plasmatocytes (Cho, 2020). Evidence for  
 359 immature lamellocytes during infection has previously come from patterns of

360 marker gene expression (Anderl et al., 2016; Honti et al., 2010) and recent  
361 scRNAseq data (Cattenoz et al., 2020; Gopal Tattikota et al., 2019). Our results  
362 show that *Drosophila* populations evolve to produce these cells constitutively if  
363 they are frequently exposed to infection. Our results contrast with populations  
364 evolved with high levels of parasitism by the parasitoid wasp *Asobara tabida*,  
365 where there was no significant overlap of differentially expressed genes between  
366 selection and infection (Wertheim et al., 2011). These results were generated by  
367 sequencing RNA extracted from the whole larval body (Wertheim et al., 2011), so  
368 it is likely they may have missed changes in gene expression that occur in only a  
369 subset of immune cells. The difference between the studies could also result  
370 from the different genetic basis of resistance to the two wasp species (Poirie et  
371 al., 2000).

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373 The change in the transcriptional state of constitutive cells was not accompanied  
374 by morphological differentiation, suggesting that populations that adapt to high  
375 parasitism rates have their cellular immune defences in a state of readiness, with  
376 the final step of massive lamellocyte differentiation remaining an inducible  
377 response. Genes involved in cytoskeleton dynamics such as  *$\beta$ Tub60D* and *shot*  
378 are among the genes with the greatest increases in expression as lamellocytes  
379 differentiate (Figure 4—figure supplement 1C, Supplementary file 5) and these  
380 may be required for the final step of changing cell shape (Rizki and Rizki, 1994).  
381 Furthermore, the late stages of the immune response were not qualitatively  
382 altered after selection. Populations from both selection regimes had very similar  
383 hemocyte compositions in the late stages of the response, which is similar to

384 patterns reported from populations artificially selected with *Asobara tabida*  
385 (Salazar-Jaramillo et al., 2017).  
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387 Evolving resistance to parasitoid wasps is costly in *Drosophila* (Fellowes et al.,  
388 1998; Kraaijeveld and Godfray, 1997; McGonigle et al., 2017), so inducible  
389 immunity may be an adaptation that allows uninfected individuals to avoid this  
390 cost under low parasitism conditions. The physiological mechanism that causes  
391 the cost is unknown. It is possible that the differentiation of immature  
392 lamellocytes diverts resources from other fitness related traits as lamellocyte  
393 differentiation is energy-demanding (Bajgar et al., 2015). Trehalose is the most  
394 abundant circulating sugar in insects, and it can be cleaved into glucose by the  
395 enzyme trehalase (Mattila and Hietakangas, 2017). In support of previous  
396 results, we found that *Trehalase* and the trehalose transporter *Tret1-1* are  
397 upregulated in hemocytes after parasitoid infection (Figure 2; Bajgar et al.,  
398 2015). Together with increased expression of glycolysis genes after infection,  
399 this is thought to redirect energy from development to immunity (Bajgar et al.,  
400 2015). We found that these genes are also upregulated in uninfected larvae after  
401 adaptation to high parasitism pressure (Figure 2). This suggests that the  
402 metabolic cost of immunity may be borne by uninfected flies in our resistant  
403 populations, potentially contributing to the cost of evolving resistance.  
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405 After infection, whether the host or parasitoid survives is a race between  
406 parasitoid development and the formation of a cellular capsule by the immune  
407 system (Kim-Jo et al., 2019). To increase their success, parasitoid wasps inject  
408 venom proteins and virus like particles (VLPs) during oviposition to suppress the

409 host immune system (Labrosse et al., 2003). These factors affect different  
410 components of the immune system (Poirié et al., 2014), with the *L. boulardi*  
411 strain used in this study affecting lamellocyte differentiation (Leitão et al., 2019).  
412 Thus, resistant populations must circumvent the suppressive effects of the wasp  
413 venoms and VLPs, and constitutive activation of cellular immunity may be a way  
414 to achieve this by killing the parasite before immunity is suppressed.  
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416 We find that populations adapted to high levels of parasitism evolved two  
417 phenotypes that likely explain their higher resistance. Firstly, they produce more  
418 hemocytes in homeostasis, which leads to a faster increase in circulating  
419 hemocytes in early time points of infection. Secondly, they produce lamellocytes  
420 more rapidly upon infection, likely largely due to the constitutive production of  
421 immature lamellocytes. Furthermore, cytotoxic molecules could be more readily  
422 available as there is an increase in the constitutive expression of *PPO3* in  
423 populations adapted to high rates of parasitism. *PPO3* encodes a intracellular  
424 prophenoloxidase produced by lamellocytes that, when activated, is responsible  
425 for the capsule melanization (Dudzic et al., 2015). We conclude that the  
426 constitutive activation of the cellular immune response likely explains the  
427 greatly increased resistance of populations adapted to high rates of parasitism.

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## Methods

430 **Key Resources Table**

Reagent type (species) or resource	Designation	Source or reference	Identifiers	Additional information
software, algorithm	GitHub	<a href="https://github.com/">https://github.com/</a>	RRID:SCR_002630	
software, algorithm	LSD	cran		<a href="https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/LSD/index.html">https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/LSD/index.html</a>
software, algorithm	MAST	doi: 10.1186/s13059-015-0844-5.		
software, algorithm	tidymodels	cran		<a href="https://www.tidymodels.org/">https://www.tidymodels.org/</a>
software, algorithm	ranger	cran		<a href="https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/ranger/index.html">https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/ranger/index.html</a>
software, algorithm	R	<a href="http://www.r-project.org/">http://www.r-project.org/</a>	RRID:SCR_001905	
software, algorithm	EBI database	doi: 10.1093/nar/gkz268.	RRID:SCR_004727	
software, algorithm	Sequence Read Archive	<a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra</a>	RRID:SCR_004891	
software, algorithm	pheatmap	<a href="https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/pheatmap/versions/0.2/topics/pheatmap">https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/pheatmap/versions/0.2/topics/pheatmap</a>	RRID:SCR_016418	
software, algorithm	ArrayExpress	<a href="https://www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress/">https://www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress/</a>	RRID:SCR_002964	
software, algorithm	Gene Expression Omnibus	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/</a>	RRID:SCR_005012	
software, algorithm	REViGO	doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0021800.	RRID:SCR_005825	
software, algorithm	gridExtra	cran		<a href="https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/gridExtra/index.html">https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/gridExtra/index.html</a>
software, algorithm	cowplot	cran	RRID:SCR_018081	<a href="https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/cowplot/index.html">https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/cowplot/index.html</a>
software, algorithm	tidyverse	cran	RRID:SCR_019186	<a href="https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=tidyverse">https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=tidyverse</a>
software, algorithm	limma	doi: 10.1093/nar/gkv007.	RRID:SCR_010943	
software, algorithm	Slingshot	doi: 10.1186/s12864-018-4772-0.	RRID:SCR_017012	
software, algorithm	KEGG	doi: 10.1093/nar/gkj102.	RRID:SCR_012773	
software, algorithm	Reactome	doi: 10.1093/nar/gkv1351.	RRID:SCR_003485	
software, algorithm	Cell Ranger	<a href="https://support.10xgenomics.com/single-cell-gene-expression/software/overview/welcome">https://support.10xgenomics.com/single-cell-gene-expression/software/overview/welcome</a>	RRID:SCR_017344	
software, algorithm	Seurat	doi:10.1016/j.cell.2019.05.031	RRID:SCR_007322	
software, algorithm	Flymine	doi:10.1186/gb-2007-8-7-r129	RRID:SCR_002694	
strain, strain	CAMOP3	This paper	CAMOP3	Outbred population of <i>D.melanogaster</i>
background ( <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> )				
antibody	anti-Atilia (mouse monoclonal)	doi: 10.1556/ABiol.58.2007.Suppl.8	L1	1 in 100
antibody	anti-alphaPS4 (rabbit polyclonal)	doi: 10.1038/nature05650		1 in 200
antibody	anti-Mys (mouse monoclonal)	Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank	RRID: AB_528310C; Cat#F.6G11c	1 in 100



sequence-based reagent	PPO3_qPCR_2_Fw	This paper	qPCR primers	GATGTGGACCGCCTAACA
sequence-based reagent	PPO3_qPCR_2_Rev	This paper	qPCR primers	GATGCCCTTAGCGTCATCCA
sequence-based reagent	atilla_qPCR2_Fw	This paper	qPCR primers	ACCCACCAAAATATGCTGAAAACA
sequence-based reagent	atilla_qPCR2_Rv	This paper	qPCR primers	TTGATGGCCGATGCACTGT
sequence-based reagent	RpL32_qPCR_F-d	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.ppat.1004728">https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.ppat.1004728</a>	qPCR primers	TGCTAAGCTGTGCGCACAAATGG
sequence-based reagent	RpL_qPCR_R-h	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.ppat.1004728">https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.ppat.1004728</a>	qPCR primers	TGCGCTTGTTTCGATCCGTAAC
Other	Phalloidin staining	Invitrogen	RRID: AB_2315633; Cat. #: A12381	1 in 2000
Other	Mineral oil	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#: M5904	

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## 432 **Artificial selection**

433 An outcrossed *D. melanogaster* population was founded from the progeny of 377  
434 females collected in July 2018 from banana and yeast traps set up in an allotment  
435 plot in Cambridge, UK (52°12'12.5"N 0°09'00.6"E). Single females were sorted  
436 into vials with cornmeal food (per 1200ml water: 13g agar, 105g dextrose, 105g  
437 maize, 23g yeast, 35ml Nipagin 10% w/v) to create isofemale lines. From the  
438 progeny of each isofemale line, 5 females and 5 males lines were sorted into a  
439 population cage to create the source population with 3770 flies. Flies from the  
440 source population were allowed to lay eggs overnight in 90mm agar plates (per  
441 1500ml water: 45g agar, 50g dextrose, 500ml apple juice, 30ml Nipagin 10%  
442 w/v) spread with yeast paste (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae* – Sigma-Aldrich #YSC2).  
443 Eggs were removed from the agar plate with phosphate buffered saline (PBS)  
444 and a paintbrush, collected in 15ml centrifuge tubes and allowed to settle on the  
445 bottom of the tube. 500µl of egg solution were transferred into a 1.5ml  
446 microcentrifuge tube. 5µl of egg solution were transferred into plastic vials with  
447 cornmeal food and incubated at 25°C, in a 14 hours light/10 hours dark cycle  
448 and 70% humidity. 48 hours after egg transfer, a single female wasp was added  
449 into vials for infection treatments and allowed to infect larvae for 24 hours. Vials  
450 from infection and no infection treatments were incubated for 12 days in total.  
451 Flies from infection treatment with visible capsules were collected and randomly  
452 sorted into triplicate selection lines (NSRef1-3). Flies from no infection  
453 treatment were sorted into triplicate control populations (C1-3). Consecutive  
454 generations of selection were maintained with the same protocol described.

455 Population sizes were maintained at 200 adult flies for all populations, at  
456 roughly 50% sex ratio.

457

#### 458 **Estimation of encapsulation ratio**

459 To determine encapsulation ability, 10 vials per line were prepared without  
460 infection and 20 vials with infection according to the selection protocol  
461 described above. Flies emerging from the no infection vials (control flies) were  
462 counted. Flies from infected vials were discriminated for the presence/absence  
463 of capsules by squishing anesthetized flies between two glass slides and  
464 observing under a dissecting microscope. Encapsulation ratio was calculated  
465 according to the formula:

$$Encapsulation\ Ratio = \frac{Capsules}{Control - Uninfected}$$

466 In the formula, Capsules represent the mean number of flies from infection vials  
467 with visible capsules and Uninfected represent the mean number of flies with no  
468 discernable capsule. Control represent the mean number of flies from vials with  
469 no infection. With this method we have an estimate of proportion of infected flies  
470 with successful encapsulation per line.

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#### 472 **Wasp maintenance**

473 *Leptopilina boulardi* strain NSRef (Varaldi et al., 2006) was maintained in a very  
474 susceptible *D. melanogaster* outbreed population named CAMOP2. Cornmeal  
475 vials were prepared with 6µl of eggs as described above. Two female wasps and  
476 one male were added to each vial. Vials were incubated for 24 days at 25°C, in a

477 14 hours light/10 hours dark cycle and 70% humidity. Adult wasps were  
478 collected and maintained in cornmeal vials with a drop of honey.

479

#### 480 **Oil injection**

481 Egg solutions were prepared in 1.5ml microcentrifuge tubes as described above.  
482 15µl of eggs were transferred into 50mm diameter plastic plates with cornmeal  
483 food. Plates were incubated for 72h at 25°C. Borosilicate glass 3.5" capillaries  
484 (Drummond Scientific Co. 3-000-203-G/X) were pulled to form thin needles in a  
485 needle puller (Narishige PC-10). The needle was backfilled with paraffin oil  
486 (Sigma-Aldrich #M5904) with a syringe and attached to a nanoinjector  
487 (Drummond Scientific Co. Nonoject II). Late 2<sup>nd</sup> instar and early 3<sup>rd</sup> instar larvae  
488 were carefully removed with forceps from cornmeal food plates and placed on  
489 filter paper, in groups of 20. Larvae were carefully injected with 4.6nl of oil. After  
490 injection, ddH<sub>2</sub>O was added with a brush to remove the larvae and a total of 40  
491 larvae were transferred into a cornmeal food vial and incubated at 25°C. After 48  
492 hours larvae were removed with a 15% w/v sugar solution and transferred into  
493 ddH<sub>2</sub>O droplets on top of a plastic plate. Larvae were observed under a dissecting  
494 microscope and scored for the presence of melanization in the oil droplet.

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#### 496 **Hemocyte counts**

497 To estimate hemocyte concentration, eggs were transferred into cornmeal vials  
498 following the artificial selection protocol described above and incubated at 25°C.  
499 In infection treatment vials, 3 female wasps were allowed to infect larvae for 3  
500 hours, 48 hours post egg transfer. This protocol guarantees a high infection ratio

501 (Leitão et al., 2019) and reduces the time window for the treatment. To count  
502 hemocytes during the course of experimental evolution, vials were incubated  
503 48h post infection. To estimate hemocyte numbers during the course of  
504 infection, vials were incubated for 12, 24, 36 and 48h post infection. 3<sup>rd</sup> instar  
505 larvae were collected from the food vials, washed in ddH<sub>2</sub>O, dried in filter paper  
506 and transferred to a multispot porcelain plate in groups of 10. Hemolymph was  
507 collected by tearing the larval cuticle from the ventral side. 2µl of hemolymph  
508 were rapidly collected and diluted in 8µl of Neutral Red (1.65g/L PBS – Sigma-  
509 Aldrich #N2889) to help visualize the cells. The diluted hemolymph was  
510 transferred into a Thoma chamber and the number of hemocytes in 0.1µl was  
511 counted. Plasmotocytes and lamellocytes were distinguished by morphology  
512 (Rizki, 1957). To relocate hemocytes from sessile compartments into circulation,  
513 groups of 10 larvae were transferred into a 2ml microcentrifuge tube with 0.5ml  
514 water and 0.5g of glass beads (425-600µm, Sigma #G9268). The tubes were then  
515 vortexed at maximum speed for 1min (Petraki et al., 2015) and larvae prepared  
516 for hemolymph collection as described above.

### 517 **Crystal cell counts**

518 Third instar larvae were collected as described above, transferred to a  
519 microcentrifuge tube with 1ml PBS and heated at 68°C for 15 min. This  
520 treatment induces the spontaneous activation of PPO in hemocytes, allowing the  
521 identification of sessile crystal cells (Dudzic et al., 2015). The posterior dorsal  
522 part of individual larvae was imaged and crystal cells on the A7 segment  
523 manually counted.

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## 525    **Quantitative PCR**

526    To analyze the expression of *PPO3* and *atilla*, RNA was extracted from hemocytes  
527    pooled from 50-70 larvae, 24h post infection. Larvae were cleaned in ddH<sub>2</sub>O,  
528    dried in filter paper and transferred into a well of a multispot porcelain plate  
529    with 100µl of PBS. Hemolymph was collected by tearing the ventral side of the  
530    larval cuticle. Samples were homogenized in 400µl TRIzol [Ambion #15596018]  
531    and kept at -80°C. For RNA extraction, samples were defrosted and centrifuged  
532    for 10min at 4°C at 12.000g. 160µl of supernatant was transferred into 1.5ml  
533    microcentrifuge tubes, 62.5µl of chloroform [Fisher Scientific #C/4920/08] was  
534    added, tubes were shaken for 15s and incubated for 3min. After a 10min  
535    centrifugation at 12,000g at 4°C, 66µl of the aqueous phase was transferred into  
536    a 1.5µl microcentrifuge tube, 156µl of isopropanol [Honeywell #33539] added  
537    and the solution thoroughly mixed. After 10min incubation samples were  
538    centrifuged for 10min at 12.000g at 4°C and the supernatant was removed. RNA  
539    was washed with 250µl 70% ethanol, centrifuged for 2min at 12.000g at 4°C.  
540    Ethanol was removed, samples dried, 20µl of nuclease free water [Ambion  
541    #AM9930] was added and samples incubated at 45°C for 10min. cDNA was  
542    prepared from RNA samples with GoScript reverse transcriptase (Promega)  
543    according to manufacture instructions. cDNA was diluted 1:10. Exonic primers  
544    for *D. melanogaster PPO3* and *atilla* were designed in NCBI Primer-BLAST online  
545    tool: (PPO3\_qPCR\_2\_Fw: 5'-GATGTGGACCGCCTAACAA-3'; PPO3\_qPCR\_2\_Rev 5'-  
546    GATGCCCTTAGCGTCATCCA-3'; atilla\_qPCR2\_Fw: 5'-  
547    ACCCACCAAATATGCTGAAACA-3'; atilla\_qPCR2\_Rv: TTGATGGCCGATGCACTGT).  
548    The gene *RpL32* was used to normalize gene expression (RpL32\_qPCR\_F-d: 5'-  
549    TGCTAAGCTGTGCGACAAATGG-3'; RpL\_qPCR\_R-h 5'-

550 TGGCGTTGTTCGATCCGTAAC-3'; (Longdon et al., 2015). Sensifast Hi-Rox SyBr kit  
551 (Bioline) was used to perform the RT-qPCR on a StepOnePlus system  
552 (ThermoFisher Scientific). Each sample was duplicated (qPCR technical replica).  
553 The PCR cycle was 95°C for 2min followed by 40 cycles of 95°C for 5s, 60°C for  
554 30s.

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556 **Circulating hemocytes immunohistochemistry, image acquisition and**  
557 **analysis**

558 Larvae were prepared in the same conditions as for hemocyte counts, described  
559 above. Larvae were washed in ddH<sub>2</sub>O, dried on filter paper and transferred into a  
560 well of multispot porcelain plate with 25µl PBS. Hemolymph was collected by  
561 tearing the ventral cuticle with forceps and the hemocyte suspension was  
562 transferred into a reaction well of a microscope slide (Marienfeld, #1216330).  
563 Samples were incubated for 30min in a humid chamber, fixed for 20 min with  
564 3.8% formaldehyde (Sigma-Aldrich #F8775) and washed 3 times with PBS. Cells  
565 were blocked and permeabilized with 0.01% Triton-X and 1% NGS diluted in  
566 PBS for 30 min and washed 3 times with PBS. Primary antibody against *atilla*  
567 (L1, 1:100, (Kurucz et al., 2007)) was added with 1% NGS overnight at 4°C.  
568 Primary antibody was washed with PBS for 5 min 3 times and secondary  
569 antibody (Alexa Fluor 488, anti-mouse, 1:1000) was applied overnight at 4°C.  
570 Cells were washed 3 times with PBS and stained with Hoechst 33342 (Invitrogen  
571 #H3570, 1µg/ml) and phalloidin (Alexa Fluor 594, Invitrogen #A12381, dilution  
572 1:2000) for 30min. After cells were washed 3 times with PBS, cover slides were  
573 mounted with Vectashield (Vector laboratories).

574 Images were acquired in a Leica DM6000 fluorescence microscope with a 40x  
575 objective. Images were analyzed with Fiji version 1.0 (Schindelin et al., 2012).  
576 Cells were identified based on actin and nuclear staining and manually outlined  
577 with the selection tool. Maximum intensity of *atilla* staining and length of the  
578 major axis was recorded for each cell. The threshold for staining intensity was  
579 obtained by measuring intensity of cells that were stained following the  
580 immunohistochemistry protocol (described above) but with no primary  
581 antibody. The threshold for cell size was obtained from a independent set of  
582 images where cells were measured and classified as lamellocytes.

### 583 **Lymph gland immunohistochemistry, image acquisition and analysis**

584 Lymph glands were dissected and processed as previously described (Krzemień  
585 et al., 2007). Antibodies used were rabbit anti- $\alpha$ PS4 (1/200) (Krzemień et al.,  
586 2007) and mouse anti- $\beta$  Integrin (Mys) (Developmental Studies Hybridoma  
587 Bank, CF.6G11c, 1/100) (Irving et al., 2005). Immunostainings were performed  
588 as previously described (Louradour et al., 2017). Nuclei were labeled with DAPI.  
589 Optimized stacks were acquired using a Leica SP8 confocal with a 40X  
590 immersion objective. Each anterior lymph gland lobe was analyzed manually.  
591 When more than 2 cells (Mys<sup>+</sup>,  $\alpha$ -PS4<sup>-</sup>) or (Mys<sup>+</sup>,  $\alpha$ PS4<sup>+</sup>) were quantified per  
592 anterior lobe, the latter was considered as containing immature (Mys<sup>+</sup>,  $\alpha$ PS4<sup>-</sup>) or  
593 mature (Mys<sup>+</sup>, $\alpha$ PS4<sup>+</sup>) lamellocytes, respectively. The percentage of lymph glands  
594 corresponds to the number of anterior lobes having lamellocytes divided by the  
595 total number of anterior lobes analyzed. At least 16 anterior lymph gland lobes  
596 were analyzed per genotype.

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### 598 **Statistical analysis**



599 All statistical analyses were performed using R. Encapsulation proportions  
600 during artificial selection were arcsine transformed and analyzed with a general  
601 linear mixed effects model where selection treatment, generation and the  
602 interaction term were considered fixed factors and population a random  
603 variable. Oil melanization proportions were arcsine transformed and selection  
604 regime was used as an explanatory variable in a linear model. To analyze *atilla*  
605 and *PPO3* expression from qPCR results we used mixed effects models with  
606 treatment, selection regime and the interaction term as fixed effects and  
607 population and generation as random variables. Total hemocyte counts and the  
608 arcsine transformed lamellocyte proportions were analyzed with mixed effects  
609 models with treatment and selection regime as explanatory variables and  
610 population as a random variable. Crystal cell counts were analyzed with a linear  
611 mixed effects model with selection regime and sex as explanatory variables and  
612 population and generation as random variables. The arcsine square root  
613 transformed proportions of cells considered *atilla*<sup>+</sup> with immunohistochemistry  
614 staining were analyzed with a linear model with treatment, selection regime and  
615 the interaction term as explanatory variables. The disruption state and presence  
616 of immature and mature lamellocytes in lymph gland lobes were analyzed with  
617 mixed effects models with treatment and selection regime as explanatory  
618 variables and population and larva as random variables. In all cases, significance  
619 was assessed with ANOVA.

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## 621 **Hemocyte preparation for scRNAseq**

Larvae from both selection regimes and infection treatments were obtained following the protocol for hemocyte counting, as described above. 80 to 140 larvae per biological replica were randomly selected, cleaned in PBS and dried on filter paper. Larvae were transferred into 200µl PBS and dissected by tearing the ventral cuticle. 200µl of hemocyte solution were collected and filtered (Flowmi cell strainer 70µm). The cell suspension was carefully transferred into a 15ml centrifuge tube with OptiPrep solution (Sigma-Aldrich D1556; 540µl OptiPrep and 1460µl PBS). Samples were centrifuged at 170g for 20 min in a swinging bucket centrifuge at 4°C with no brake. The first two layers of 100µl were then carefully removed and hemocytes were counted in a Thoma chamber. The sample fraction with more hemocytes was used for encapsulation in 10X single cell platform at Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute. Library preparation was performed with standard protocols of single cell 3' V2 chemistry 10X Genomics.

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### 637 **Read alignments and cell detection**

Demultiplexed FASTQ data files were aligned to a custom-built *D. melanogaster* reference obtained from FlyBase FB2018\_02 Dmel Release 6.21 (Thurmond et al., 2019) and created using the Cell Ranger pipeline (RRID:SCR\_017344) (<https://support.10xgenomics.com/single-cell-gene-expression/software/overview/welcome>, last accessed 23-03-2020). Less than 1,000 cells were detected in libraries generated from control and selected populations in one of the three replicates (replicate two). This replicate was dropped in further analysis. 25,128 cells were identified across the two

646 remaining replicates. The entire sequence of data filtering and clustering is listed  
647 in Figure 3—figure supplement 6. Most of the analyses were done in R versions  
648 3.6 (R Core Team, 2018) and we used the Tidyverse (RRID:SCR\_019186),  
649 gridExtra and cowplot (RRID:SCR\_018081) packages to manipulate and plot the  
650 data.

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### 652 **Normalization, integration and dimensionality reduction**

653 Seurat version 3.1.1 (Stuart et al., 2019) (RRID:SCR\_007322) was used to process  
654 and analyze the single cell count matrix. Unique molecular identifier (UMI) count  
655 matrices obtained from Cell Ranger were normalized using a scaling factor of  
656 10,000 and log-normal transformation. 2,000 highly variable genes (HVG) were  
657 discovered using the ‘vst’ method (Supplementary file 7). Count matrices from  
658 individual samples were integrated allowing for a maximum of 50 dimensions  
659 and 2,000 anchor features.

660 We identified 281 cells that expressed fewer than 250 features or more  
661 than 2,500 features and 5,387 cells that did not express either *He* or *Srp*, two  
662 pan-hemocyte markers (Banerjee et al., 2019). These cells were removed from  
663 the constituent samples. Following this, the count matrices were normalized,  
664 HVG were identified, and the samples were re-integrated.

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### 666 **Mean fold change in gene expression**

667 To combine data across cells to examine gene expression differences between  
668 treatments, we performed the data integration steps utilizing all possible

anchors features in Seurat. In doing so, a total of 7,716 genes were used for integrating the sample count matrices (Supplementary file 7). Fold changes in expression between treatments were obtained from the output of *FindMarkers* with `min.pct` and `logfc.threshold` both set to 0. The fold change was converted to a  $\log_2$  scale and plotted using the R package *LSD*. We conducted gene ontology (Huang et al., 2009) enrichment analyses on the 173 genes that had at least a 50% change in transcript levels after infection or selection using the Flymine database and tool (Lyne et al., 2007) (RRID:SCR\_002694) with the 7,716 genes used as the background list.

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#### 679 **Clustering cells from scRNA-seq**

Cells were clustered in Seurat. First, expression levels were scaled and percent mitochondria, number of features and UMI count per cell were regressed out. Then, we performed PCA and UMAP dimensionality reductions allowing for 50 dimensions. We did a first round of clustering using the 'pca' reduction and a clustering 'resolution' of 0.2. We identified markers upregulated in each cluster using the function *FindAllMarkers* with 'min.pct' and 'logfc.threshold' both set to 0.25 and tested for differential expression using MAST (Finak et al., 2015). We identified significantly enriched gene ontology categories (Huang et al., 2009) and KEGG (RRID:SCR\_012773) and Reactome (RRID:SCR\_003485) pathways (Fabregat et al., 2016; Kanehisa et al., 2006) in each cluster using upregulated cluster markers as query and the 2,000 HVG as the background list.

Enrichment analyses from the first round of clustering indicated one cluster, comprising of 28 cells, was highly enriched for male germ cell expressed

693 genes (Supplementary file 8 - cluster 9). These cells were removed from the  
694 constituent sample count matrices and the data were re-integrated. In the  
695 second round of clustering, a 'resolution' of 0.3 was used and we discovered that  
696 cluster 9 (48 cells) and cluster 10 (41 cells) were enriched for genes associated  
697 with muscle and fat body tissues, respectively (Supplementary file 9). These cells  
698 were removed from the constituent sample count matrices and data were re-  
699 integrated. For round three of clustering, a 'resolution' of 0.3 was utilized. At this  
700 point, the 19,344 remaining cells were partitioned into nine clusters.

701 We identified the *D. melanogaster* orthologs of human cell cycle markers  
702 identified in Tirosh et al. (Tirosh et al., 2016) using the EBI database (Madeira et  
703 al., 2019) (RRID:SCR\_004727). The expression levels of these cell cycle genes  
704 were used to classify cells by phase using the function *CellCycleScoring* in Seurat.  
705 Regressing out the difference between the G2M and S phases had a minimal  
706 impact on the cell cluster classification for all but one cluster (Supplementary file  
707 10). The greater discordance among the lamellocyte cluster CC-5 is due to the  
708 placement of cells differentiating along a single lineage into discrete clusters.

709 We tested if using all possible anchors rather than just the highly variable  
710 ones had an impact on data integration and clustering. Clustering the data set the  
711 7,716 anchors using the same resolution (0.3) largely revealed the same cell  
712 clusters save for the appearance of two very small clusters comprising of 113  
713 and 56 cells (cluster 9 and 10 - Supplementary file 11). Also, this data set showed  
714 that the proportion of lamellocytes (represented by clusters 1,2,4 and 5)  
715 increased following high parasitism and infection (Figure 3—figure supplement  
716 7) suggesting the choice of anchors did not result in erroneous patterns. When

717 necessary, we converted the Flybase IDs to gene symbols using the org.Dm.eg.db  
718 database v.3.7 (Carlson, 2018). The R package reshape2 (Wickham, 2007) was  
719 used to estimate proportions of cells in each cluster.

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## 721 **Subclustering lamellocytes**

722 We performed subclustering on lamellocytes and their plasmatocyte progenitors  
723 to better resolve the trajectory of cell differentiation. Clusters 1, 2, 4 and 5 from  
724 round three clustering had enriched expression of described lamellocyte  
725 markers (*ItgaPS4*, *atilla*, *mys*, *PPO3* - (Banerjee et al., 2019)) and, therefore, these  
726 cells were isolated for subclustering (Figure 3—figure supplement 8A). Cluster 0  
727 from round three clustering was identified as the progenitor plasmatocyte  
728 population based on the expression of five plasmatocyte markers (*Col4a1*, *Pxn*,  
729 *eater*, *Hml*, *NimC1* - (Banerjee et al., 2019)) and three cell cycle markers (*stg* -  
730 (Edgar and O'Farrell, 1990), *polo* - (Glover, 2005) and *scra* - (Oegema et al.,  
731 2000)) (Figure 3—figure supplement 8B).

732 The presumed lamellocytes and plasmatocyte progenitor were subset  
733 from the constituent sample count matrices. The cell count matrices for each  
734 sample were normalized and 2,000 HVG were found. Following this,  
735 dimensionality reduction and round one of subclustering was performed using a  
736 'resolution' parameter of 0.3. In round one of subclustering, we identified 79  
737 cells that were significantly enriched for markers representing crystal cells  
738 (Figure 3—figure supplement 8C & Supplementary file 12 - cluster 5). These  
739 cells were moved to the crystal cell cluster and we did a second round of  
740 subclustering on the remaining cells. We followed the same data integration and

741 clustering steps but used a resolution of 0.2. The original cluster identities for  
742 lamellocytes and plasmatocyte progenitor cells were replaced with their new  
743 identities inferred from the subclustering.

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## 745 **Trajectory inference**

746 We used the software Slingshot (Street et al., 2018) (RRID:SCR\_017012)  
747 to conduct pseudotime analysis. We used all 50 PCA dimensions estimated from  
748 Seurat for trajectory inference and ensured lineages were not inferred past  
749 endpoints by setting stretch to 0. The cluster with the highest expression of the  
750 three cell cycle markers (*stg*, *polo* and *scra*) was set as starting cluster.

751 We identified genes that were differentially expressed between the  
752 starting and terminal clusters of lamellocyte differentiation (PLASM1 versus  
753 LAM3). We performed gene ontology enrichment on genes with  $\log(e)FC > 1$   
754 using the *goana* function, part of the R package “limma” (Ritchie et al., 2015)  
755 (RRID:SCR\_010943) with the 2,000 HVG used as the background list. Gene set  
756 enrichment analyses were conducted separately on markers upregulated in the  
757 starting (PLASM1) and terminal clusters (LAM3). We removed redundant gene  
758 ontology terms using REVIGO (Supek et al., 2011) (RRID:SCR\_005825) limiting  
759 false discovery rate adjusted P-values to 0.05 and similarity to 0.4. We produced  
760 heatmaps of the variable genes belonging to significantly enriched gene ontology  
761 categories using a custom modified version of the *DoHeatmap* function from  
762 Seurat v3 and grouped genes by mean cluster expression levels. For the  
763 heatmap, the  $\log_2$  fold change gene expression levels were centred on their  
764 mean value and divided by their standard deviation. Smaller gene ontology

765 categories whose membership consisted of genes that were wholly part of larger  
766 categories were not included in the heatmap plots.

767         The 2,000 HVG were also utilized for identifying lineage markers. A  
768 random forest model was fit to identify the genes best able to predict the  
769 pseudotime values using R tidymodels. The R package 'Ranger' (Wright and  
770 Ziegler, 2017) was used for implementation of the random forest using 2,000  
771 trees and a min\_n of 15. Variable importance was evaluated by the "altmann" test  
772 (Altman et al., 2010) using 100 permutations. We produced a heatmap of the  
773 top 100 lineage markers ranked by variable importance, as described in the  
774 preceding section.

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## 776 **Cluster definitions**

777 We performed pathway enrichment analyses on all non-lamellocyte clusters  
778 with the aim of defining them according to their inferred biological function.  
779 First, upregulated cluster markers were identified through pairwise differential  
780 expression tests. The cluster of interest was compared with PLASM1 using the  
781 function *FindMarkers* with 'min.pct' and 'logfc.threshold' both set to 0.25. Genes  
782 with significant upregulation in each cluster were identified using the MAST test  
783 statistic (Supplementary file 13) after performing Bonferroni correction on the  
784 obtained *P*-values. Markers upregulated in each cluster were used for pathway  
785 enrichment analysis. Markers for the plasmacytoid progenitor population were  
786 identified through comparisons to the cell types containing other plasmacytoid-  
787 type cells. These markers were used for pathway enrichment analyses using the  
788 Flymine database and tool (Lyne et al., 2007).



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## 790 **Comparison to other scRNA-seq datasets**

791 We compared our clusters of cells with clusters defined in two published scRNA-  
792 seq data sets generated from *D. melanogaster* larval hemocytes. We attained the  
793 expression and cell cluster data for Tattikota et al. (2020) from the gene  
794 expression omnibus (GEO) repository (RRID:SCR\_005012) under accession  
795 GSE146596. We attained the expression and cell cluster data for Cattenoz et al.  
796 (2020) from the ArrayExpress repository (RRID:SCR\_002964) under accession  
797 E-MTAB-8698. We used the expression and cluster identity data to create Seurat  
798 v3 objects and used Flybase IDs as feature names. For Cattenoz et al. (2020), we  
799 combined the the WI and NI data sets into a single object. We normalized the  
800 counts, identified 2,000 HVG for each data set and scaled the data using the  
801 default options in Seurat v3. We performed a reference-based label transfer  
802 using the *FindTransferAnchors* and *TransferData* functions with a 'cca' reduction  
803 and L2 normalization. We compared the three data sets in pairs and alternated  
804 the reference and query for each comparison. We plot the proportion of cells in  
805 query clusters that were predicted to belong to a given reference cluster using  
806 the R package 'pheatmap' (RRID:SCR\_002630).

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## 1066 **Figures**

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1069 **Figure 1 Encapsulation rate during selection for parasitoid resistance. (A)**

1070 Schematic of the experiment (B) The proportion of infected larvae that gave rise  
1071 to adult flies with visible capsules. An outbred population of *D. melanogaster*

1072 (source, blue square) was used to found six populations that were parasitized  
 1073 every generation with *L. bouhardi* (High Parasitism, orange) or maintained  
 1074 without infection (No Parasitism, blue). (C) Proportion of larvae encapsulating  
 1075 oil droplets at generations 33 and 49. Dots represent the proportion calculated  
 1076 from 15-40 injected larvae in triplicate populations from each selection regime.  
 1077 Bar heights represent the mean per selection regime.

1078 **Figure 2. Changes in gene expression following selection for resistance and**  
 1079 **parasitoid infection.** (A) Summary of the comparisons shown in the other  
 1080 panels. (B) The change in gene expression following infection in populations  
 1081 maintained without parasitoid infection (x axis) compared to the constitutive  
 1082 gene expression following 26 generations of selection for resistance to the  
 1083 parasitoid wasp *L. bouhardi* (y axis). (C) The change in gene expression following  
 1084 infection in populations maintained without parasitoid infection (x axis)  
 1085 compared to the combined induced and constitutive change in gene expression  
 1086 following selection for resistance and infection (y axis). The black diagonals  
 1087 indicate the 1:1 line. The genes *atilla*, *PPO3*, *Trehalase* and *Tret1-1* are  
 1088 highlighted. Colour represents the density of overlain points. Relative expression  
 1089 is expressed as  $\log_2(\text{fold change})$ .

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1091 **Figure 3. Cell states of *Drosophila melanogaster* larval hemocytes.** Two-  
 1092 dimensional UMAP projections and cell state classification. (A) All 19,344 cells  
 1093 combined. PLASM: plasmatocytes; MET: metabolic plasmatocyte cluster; AMP:  
 1094 antimicrobial peptide plasmatocyte cluster; LAM: lamellocytes; CC: crystal cells.

1095 (B) Cells from populations that had undergone 26 generations of selection with  
1096 no parasitism (top panels) or high parasitism (bottom panels), and were either  
1097 uninfected (left panels) or 48 hours post infection (right panels). 64-333 million  
1098 reads were sequenced in each of the eight 10X libraries that we generated  
1099 (Supplementary file 3). The number of cells detected per library ranged from  
1100 787 to 3,463 (Figure 3—figure supplement 4). (C) Proportion of different cell  
1101 states after infection and selection.

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1103 **Figure 4. Changes in cell state following infection and adaptation to high**  
1104 **rates of parasitism.** (A) Trajectory of lamellocyte differentiation. Plasmacyte  
1105 progenitors and lamellocytes were subclustered, the trajectories inferred from  
1106 multi-dimensional principle components analysis, and the lineage projected onto  
1107 the two-dimensional UMAP plot. (B-C) Log<sub>2</sub> expression levels of *atilla* and *PP03*.  
1108 Relative expression levels were estimated from normalized and scaled unique  
1109 molecular identifier counts. (D) Heatmaps of genes that are upregulated in either  
1110 the starting or terminal clusters of lamellocyte differentiation and belonging to  
1111 significantly enriched gene ontology categories (biological function). Log<sub>2</sub> fold  
1112 change gene expression levels were centred on their mean value and divided by  
1113 their standard deviation.

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1115 **Figure 5. Changes in circulating and lymph gland hemocytes following**  
1116 **infection and adaptation to high parasitism rates.** (A) The proportion  
1117 hemocytes that were morphologically identified as lamellocytes and (B) the  
1118 concentration of total circulating hemocytes in no infection conditions (light

1119 colors) and 48 hours post infection (dark colors) . Samples were collected from  
 1120 populations that evolved for 34 generation with high parasitism (orange bars) or  
 1121 no parasitism (blue bars) (C) Cell size and atilla expression. The expression of  
 1122 atilla was measured as the fluorescence intensity resulting from  
 1123 immunohistochemistry staining. Cell size was measured along the major axis.  
 1124 Replicated populations from each selection regime are represented by different  
 1125 symbols and the proportion of cells in each quarter of the plot is shown. (D) The  
 1126 proportion of lymph glands from uninfected larvae containing immature  
 1127 lamellocytes ( $\text{mys}^+ \alpha\text{-PS4}^-$ ) and mature lamellocytes ( $\text{mys}^+ \alpha\text{-PS4}^+$ ) . (E)  
 1128 Proportion of disrupted lymph glands in uninfected larvae. The lymph gland  
 1129 anterior lobe was considered disrupted when it was either partially or  
 1130 completely disrupted.

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## 1132 **Supplementary Figures**

1133 **Figure 2 — figure supplement 1. Gene expression in circulating hemocytes**  
 1134 **measured by qPCR** *atilla* and *PPO3* expression normalized by the housekeeping  
 1135 gene RpL32 in populations evolved under no parasitism (blue) or high  
 1136 parasitism (orange). Hemocyte samples for RNA extraction were collected from  
 1137 50-70 larvae 24 hours post infection (dark colors) and from larvae with no  
 1138 infection (light colors). Each dot represents the average  $\Delta\text{Ct}$  of two biological  
 1139 replicas per population and lines represent the average per selection regime.  
 1140 *atilla*, Selection regime x Treatment:  $\chi^2 = 15.45$ , d.f= 1,  $p=8.49 \times 10^{-5}$ ; *PPO3*,  
 1141 Selection regime x Treatment:  $\chi^2 = 17.64$ , d.f= 1,  $p=2.67 \times 10^{-5}$   
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1143 **Figure 3—figure supplement 1.** Proportions of cells in G1, G2M and S phase in  
1144 the plasmatocyte, lamellocyte and crystal cell clusters.

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1146 **Figure 3—figure supplement 2.** Expression levels ( $\log_e$ ) of marker genes. A)  
1147 Relative level of expression of described plasmatocyte and cell cycle genes and  
1148 B) Relative level of expression most significant marker genes for the  
1149 plasmatocyte and crystal cell clusters. The MAST test statistic was used to  
1150 identify significantly upregulated markers in each cluster comparing the cluster  
1151 of interest with cells in all other clusters. Percent of cells expressing genes are  
1152 indicated by circle size. C) Distribution of gene expression levels for described  
1153 lamellocyte genes grouped by cluster identities.

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1155 **Figure 3—figure supplement 3.** Comparison of scRNA-seq data sets from this  
1156 paper to those from two previously published studies (Cattenoz et al., 2020;  
1157 Gopal Tattikota et al., 2020). A reference-based label transfer was used to predict  
1158 cell cluster identity in the query data set. The scale bar indicates the proportion  
1159 of cells in query clusters (y axis) that are predicted to belong to a given reference  
1160 cluster (x axis).

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1162 **Figure 3—figure supplement 4.** Number of cells and genes detected, unique  
1163 molecular identifier count and percent mitochondrial gene expression per cell  
1164 grouped by sample. HP: high parasitism, NP: No parasitism, I: Infection and NI:  
1165 no infection. Numbers following HP or NP correspond to replicate.



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1167 **Figure 3—figure supplement 5.** Impact of cell number and library-specific  
1168 differences on data integration, cell cluster classification and estimating cluster  
1169 proportions. A) Clustering 8,596 cells from replicate one, B) clustering 10,784  
1170 cells from replicate three and C) clustering 6,296 cells where 787 cells were  
1171 randomly subsampled without replacement in each of eight libraries used for  
1172 data integration.

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1174 **Figure 3—figure supplement 6.** Flowchart of data filtering and clustering  
1175 steps. Only cells expressing >250 features and < 2500 features and cells that  
1176 were either *He+* or *Srp+* were kept. Cells expressing high levels of sperm-cell,  
1177 muscle or fat body marker genes were identified during three rounds of  
1178 clustering and removed. 19,344 cells remained after filtering. Two rounds of  
1179 subclustering identified plasmacyte progenitor and lamellocyte clusters and  
1180 these identities replaced those attained from round three clustering for relevant  
1181 cells.

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1183 **Figure 3—figure supplement 7.** Proportion of different cell states after  
1184 infection and selection following data integration with 7,716 anchors, the  
1185 maximum number that can be detected.

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1187 **Figure 3—figure supplement 8.** Expression levels ( $\log_e$ ) of marker genes from  
1188 early rounds of clustering. A) Distribution of gene expression levels of described

1189 lamellocyte marker genes, for clusters identified from round three clustering. B)  
1190 Relative level of expression of described plasmatocyte and cell cycle marker  
1191 genes, for clusters identified from round three clustering. C) Relative level of  
1192 expression of two known crystal cell markers from round one of subclustering,  
1193 using lamellocytes and their plasmatocyte progenitors. Percent of cells  
1194 expressing genes are indicated by circle size (B and C).

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1196 **Figure 4—figure supplement 1.** Trajectory of lamellocyte differentiation  
1197 following subclustering. A) Proportions of cells in G1, G2M and S phase in the  
1198 plasmatocyte progenitor and lamellocyte clusters. B) Trajectory of lamellocyte  
1199 differentiation inferred following cell cycle correction and regressing out the  
1200 difference between the G2M and S phases. Trajectories were inferred from multi-  
1201 dimensional principle components analysis, and the lineage projected onto the  
1202 two-dimensional UMAP plot. C) Heatmap of top 100 markers predicting  
1203 lamellocyte differentiation as ranked by variable importance. Genes are grouped  
1204 by mean cluster expression level and cells (columns) were ordered by  
1205 expression of the 101<sup>st</sup> marker. Log2 fold change gene expression levels were  
1206 centered on their mean value and divided by their standard deviation.

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1208 **Figure 5 —figure supplement 1. Changes in number of circulating**  
1209 **hemocytes during artificial selection** Proportion of lamellocytes (A) and  
1210 concentration of total circulating hemocytes (B) in population evolved with no  
1211 parasitism (blue bars) and with high parasitism (orange bars). Samples were  
1212 collected as late 3<sup>rd</sup> instar larvae in homeostasis (light colors) or 48 hours post

1213 infection (dark colors). Each dot represents the mean counts of each population  
1214 calculated from 4-10 replicas and bar height represents the mean of the  
1215 triplicate lines. Generation 34 is represented in Figure 5A-B.

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1217 **Figure 5 —figure supplement 2. Hemocyte size and atilla staining intensity**

1218 **in circulating hemocytes.** Hemocytes were stained for nuclei (A, hoechst  
1219 33342), Actin (A', Phalloidin- Alexa594) and atilla (A'', L1 antibody + Alexa488).  
1220 Composite images were created for phalloidin and hoechst staining to identify  
1221 cells with selection tool (yellow line) and fluorescence intensity was measured in  
1222 L1 staining.

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1224 **Figure 5 – figure supplementary 3: Lamellocytes differentiation state and**

1225 **morphology of anterior lymph gland lobes** (a) Anterior lobe of a lymph gland  
1226 from a larva from No Parasitism selection regime. Immature lamellocytes are  
1227 stained with Myspheroid (Mys, green, with arrow). Mature lamellocytes are  
1228 double stained with Mys and Integrin alpha PS4 subunit ( $\alpha$ -PS4, red, white  
1229 dotted arrow). (b,c) No Parasitism anterior lobe in mild larval stage 3; normal  
1230 (b) and disrupted lobe (c). (d,e) High Parasitism anterior lobe in mild larval stage  
1231 3; normal (d) and disrupted lobe (e). (f,g) No Parasitism anterior lobe in late  
1232 larval stage 3; normal (f) and disrupted (g). (h,i) High Parasitism anterior lobe in  
1233 late larval stage 3; normal (i) and disrupted (j). All samples were stained with  
1234 Mys (green),  $\alpha$ -PS4 (red). Nuclei were stained with DAPI. Scale bars=20 $\mu$ m.

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1236 **Figure 5 —figure supplement 4. Hemocyte concentrations during**  
1237 **development of 3<sup>rd</sup> instar larvae.** Total number of hemocytes (A), lamellocytes  
1238 (B) and lamellocyte proportions (C) in larvae 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours post  
1239 infection (dark colors) and corresponding controls with no infection (light  
1240 colors). Points represent the mean of three biological replicas from each  
1241 triplicate line of No Parasitism (blue) and High Parasitism (orange) selection  
1242 regimes. Restrictions on working hours mean the 12h and 36h timepoints were  
1243 performed separately to the 24h and 48h timepoints.

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1245 **Figure 5 —figure supplement 5. Effect of selection in circulating hemocytes**  
1246 **and sessile hemocytes.** Concentration of hemocytes from dissected larvae  
1247 without manipulation (Circulating) and after vortexing to displace sessile  
1248 hemocytes into circulation (Circulating + Sessile). Points represent the mean of  
1249 four biological replicas for each triplicate line from populations evolved with No  
1250 Parasitism (blue) and High Parasitism (orange) selection regimes. Bar heights  
1251 represent the mean of triplicate lines.

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1253 **Figure 5 —figure supplement 6. Sessile crystal cells numbers.** Number of  
1254 sessile crystal cells in dorsal side of the A7 abdominal segment of larvae in male  
1255 and female larvae. Dots represent the average number of crystal cells calculated  
1256 from 10 larvae of each triplicate population from both selection regimes. Bar  
1257 heights represent the average of each selection regime, No Parasitism (Blue) and  
1258 High Parasitism (Orange).

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1261 **Supplementary Files**

1262 **Supplementary file 1.** Gene ontology enrichment for 173 genes that had > 50%  
1263 change in transcript levels after infection or selection.

1264 **Supplementary file 2.** Enriched gene ontology categories and pathways for non-  
1265 lamellocyte clusters.

1266 **Supplementary file 3.** 10x v2 library sequencing metrics.

1267 **Supplementary file 4.** Lamellocyte lineage classification with and without cell  
1268 cycle correction.

1269 **Supplementary file 5.** List of marker genes for predicting lamellocyte  
1270 differentiation.

1271 **Supplementary file 6.** Enriched gene ontology categories and pathways for  
1272 lamellocytes.

1273 **Supplementary file 7.** Genes detected in scRNA-seq dataset.

1274 **Supplementary file 8.** Cluster markers identified from round one of clustering.

1275 **Supplementary file 9.** Cluster markers identified from round two of clustering.

1276 **Supplementary file 10.** Hemocyte classification with and without cell cycle  
1277 correction.

1278 **Supplementary file 11.** Hemocyte classification using 2,000 highly variable  
1279 genes or all 7,716 detected genes.

1280 **Supplementary file 12.** Cluster markers identified from round one of  
1281 subclustering.

1282 **Supplementary file 13.** Marker genes for non-lamellocyte clusters.

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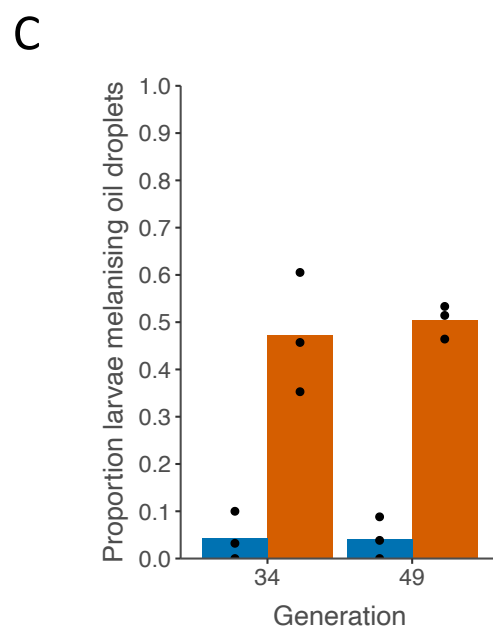
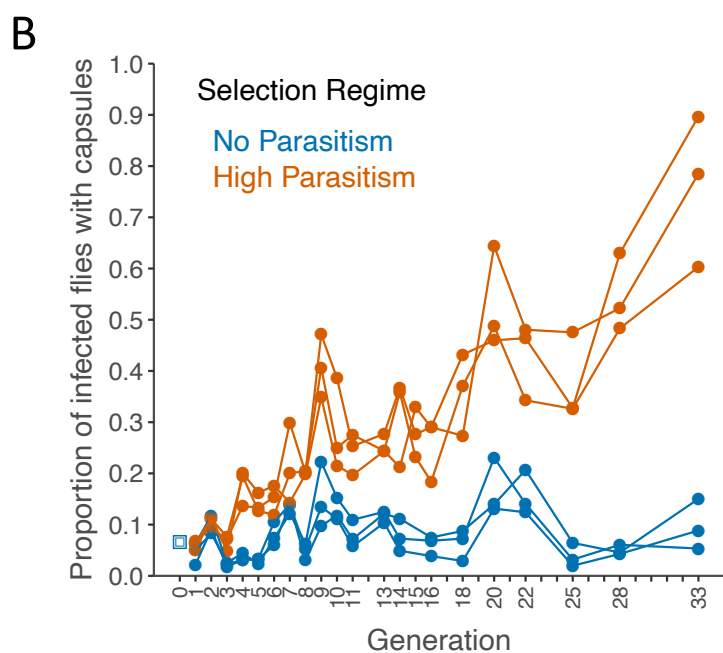
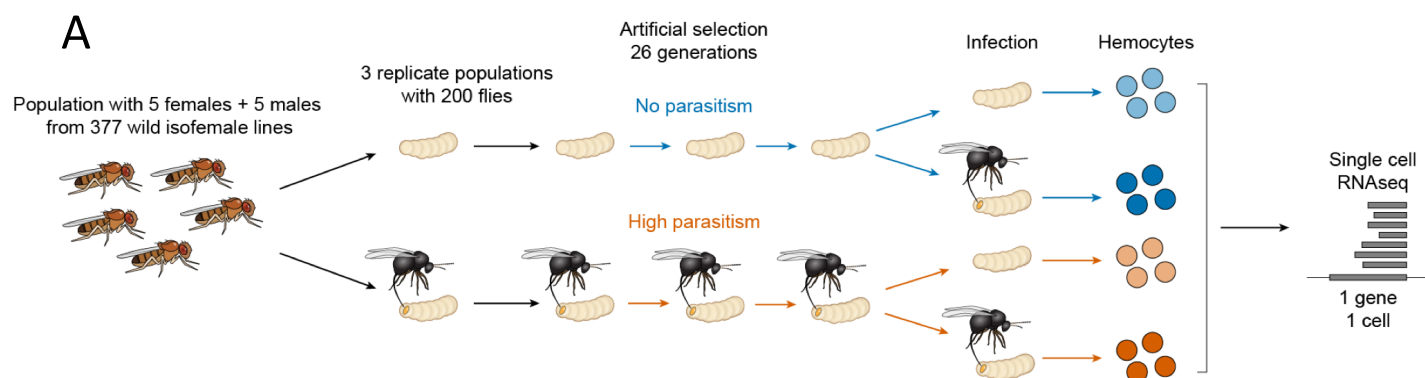
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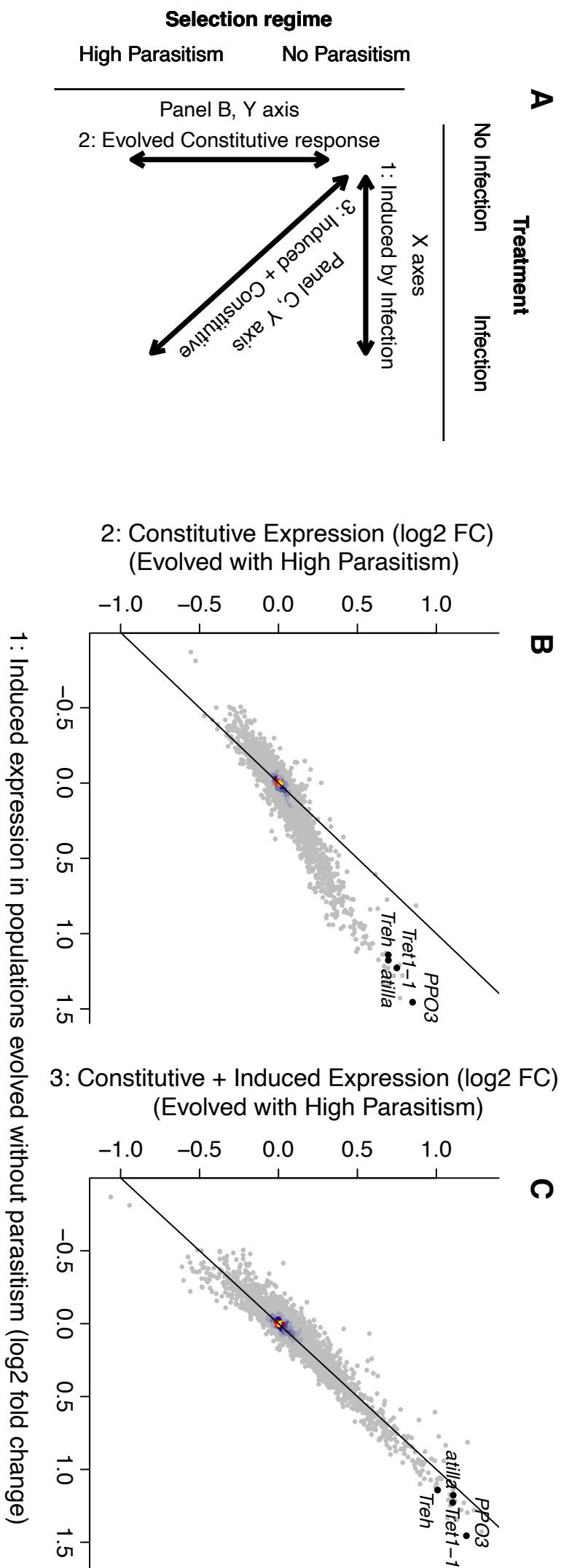
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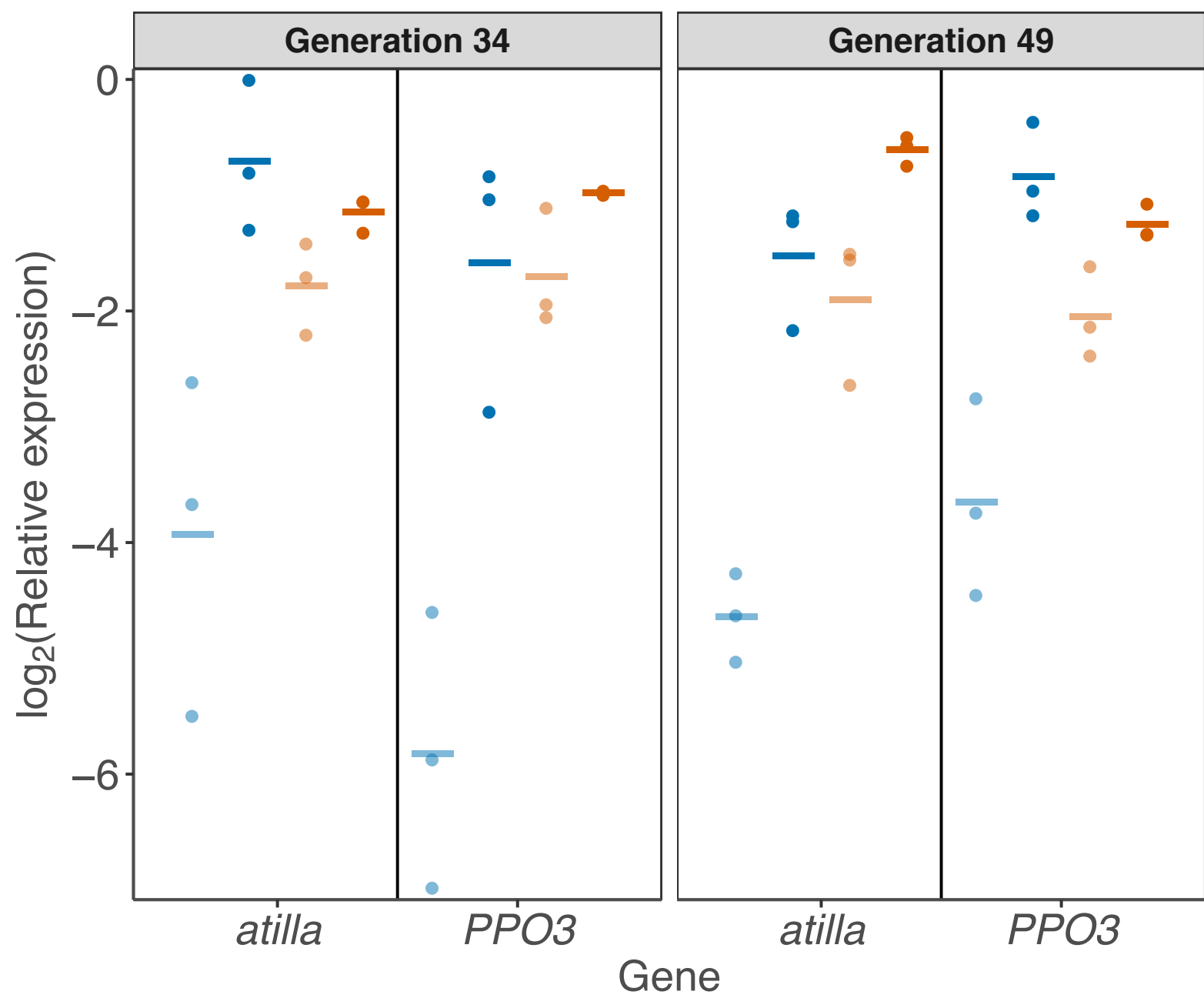
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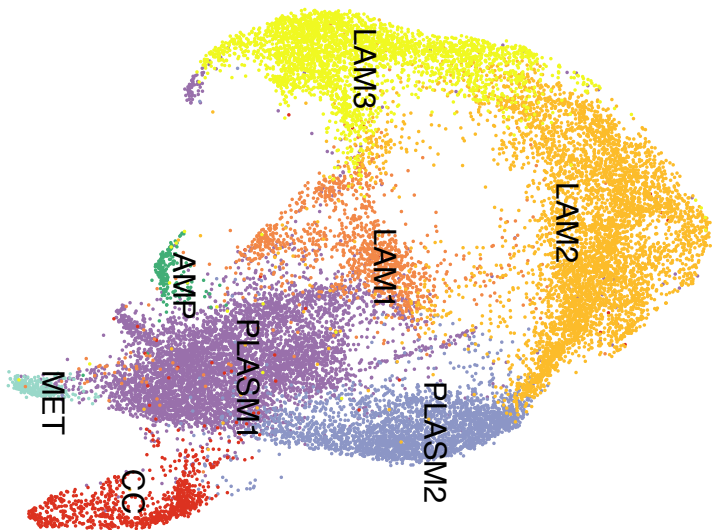




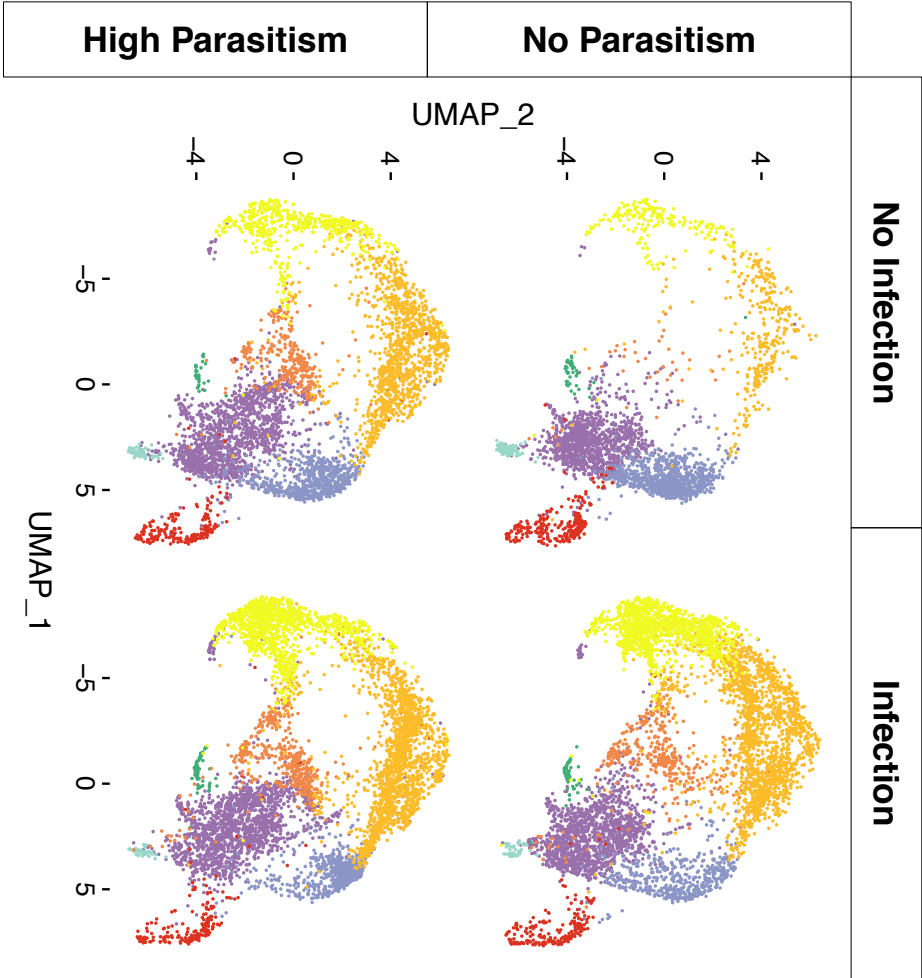




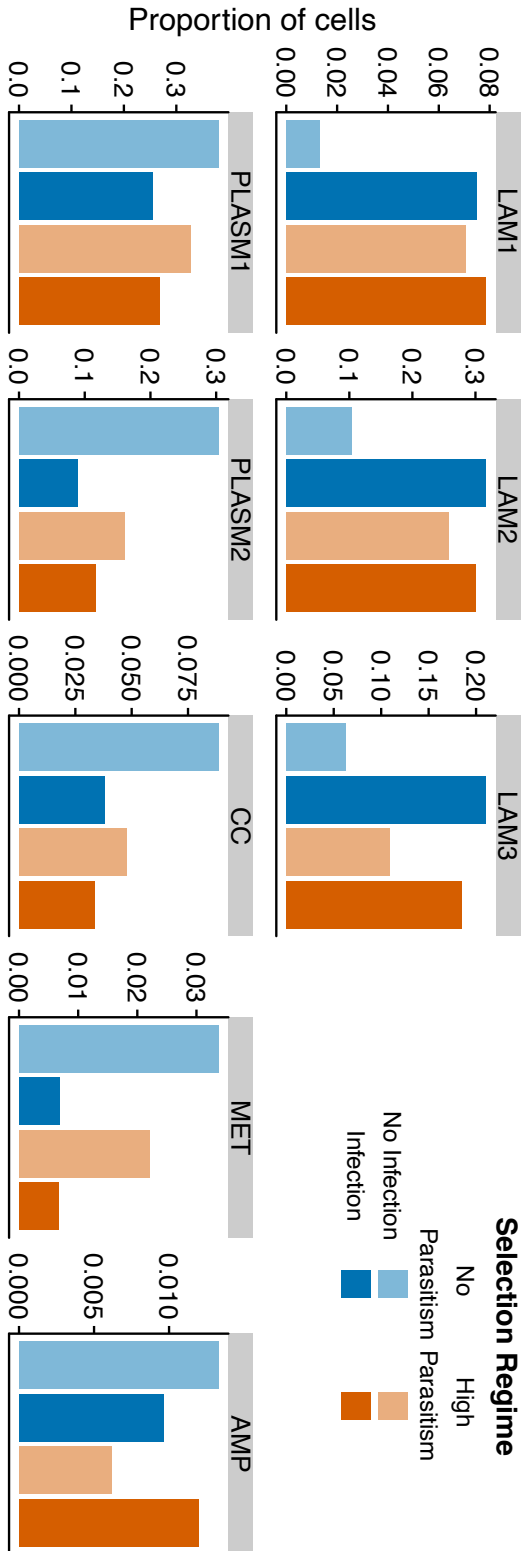
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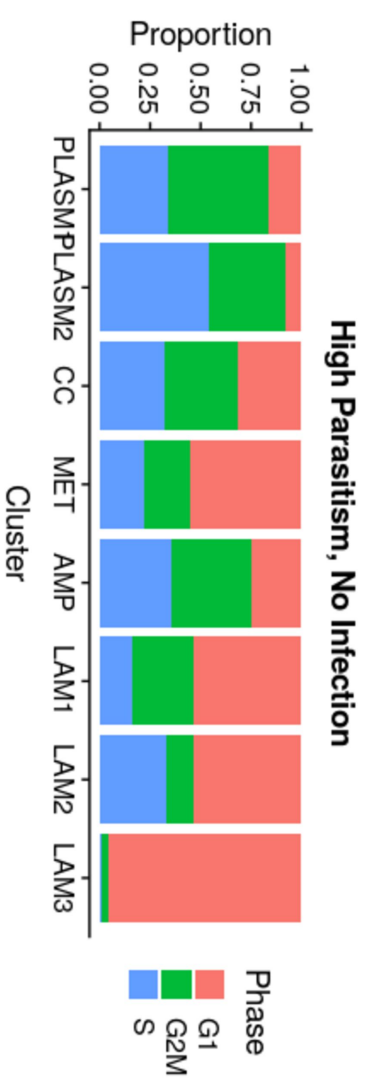
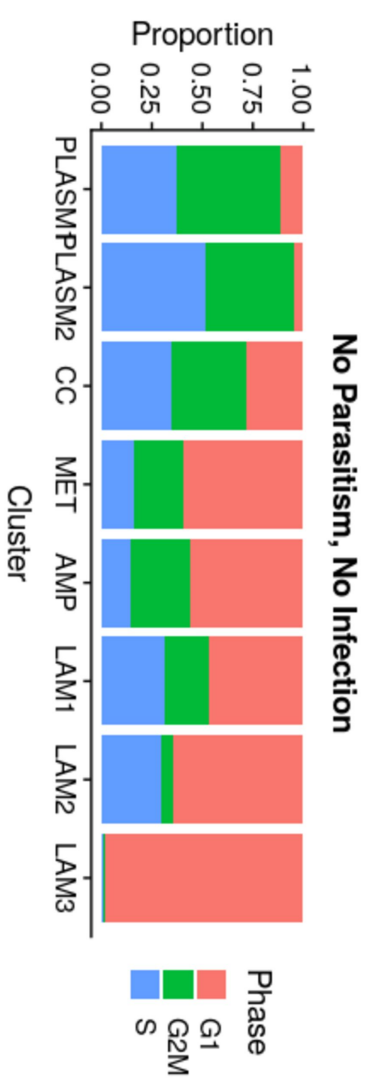
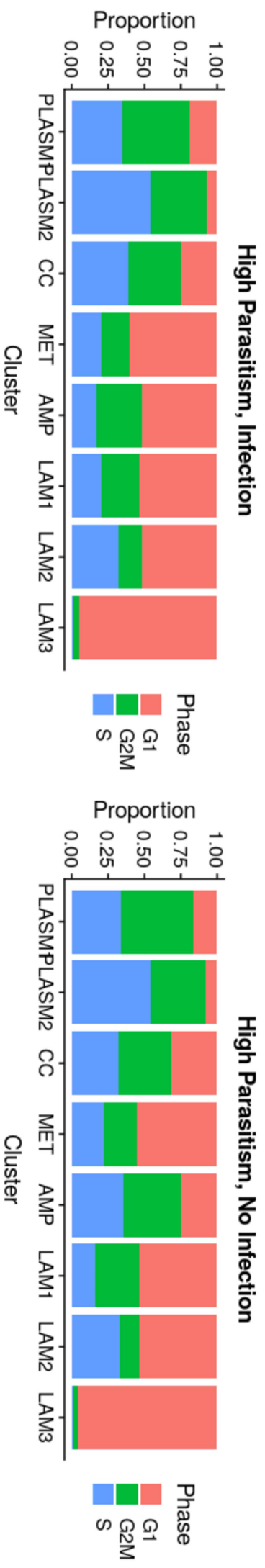
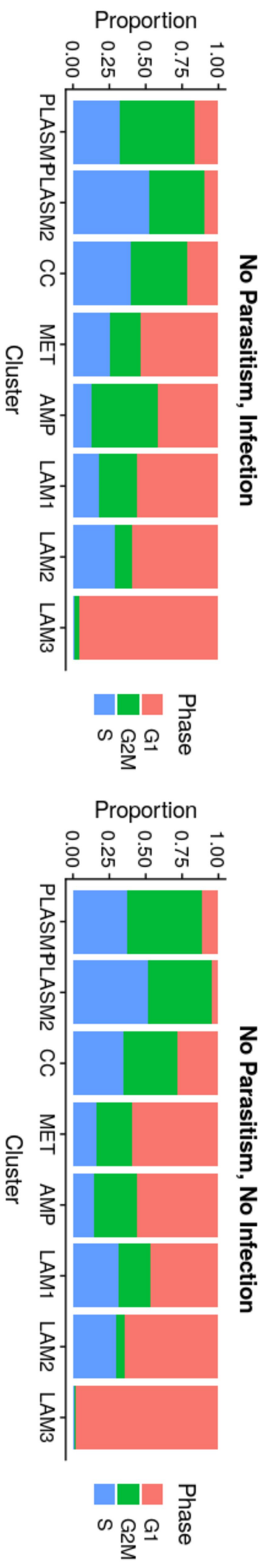
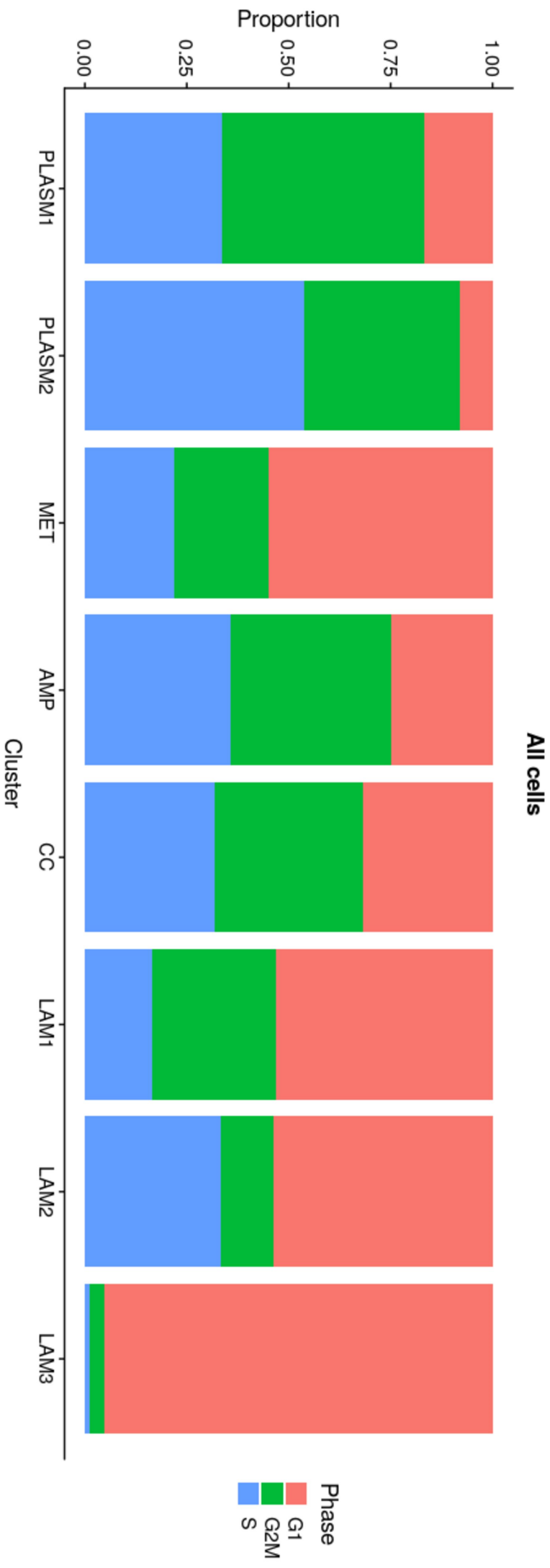


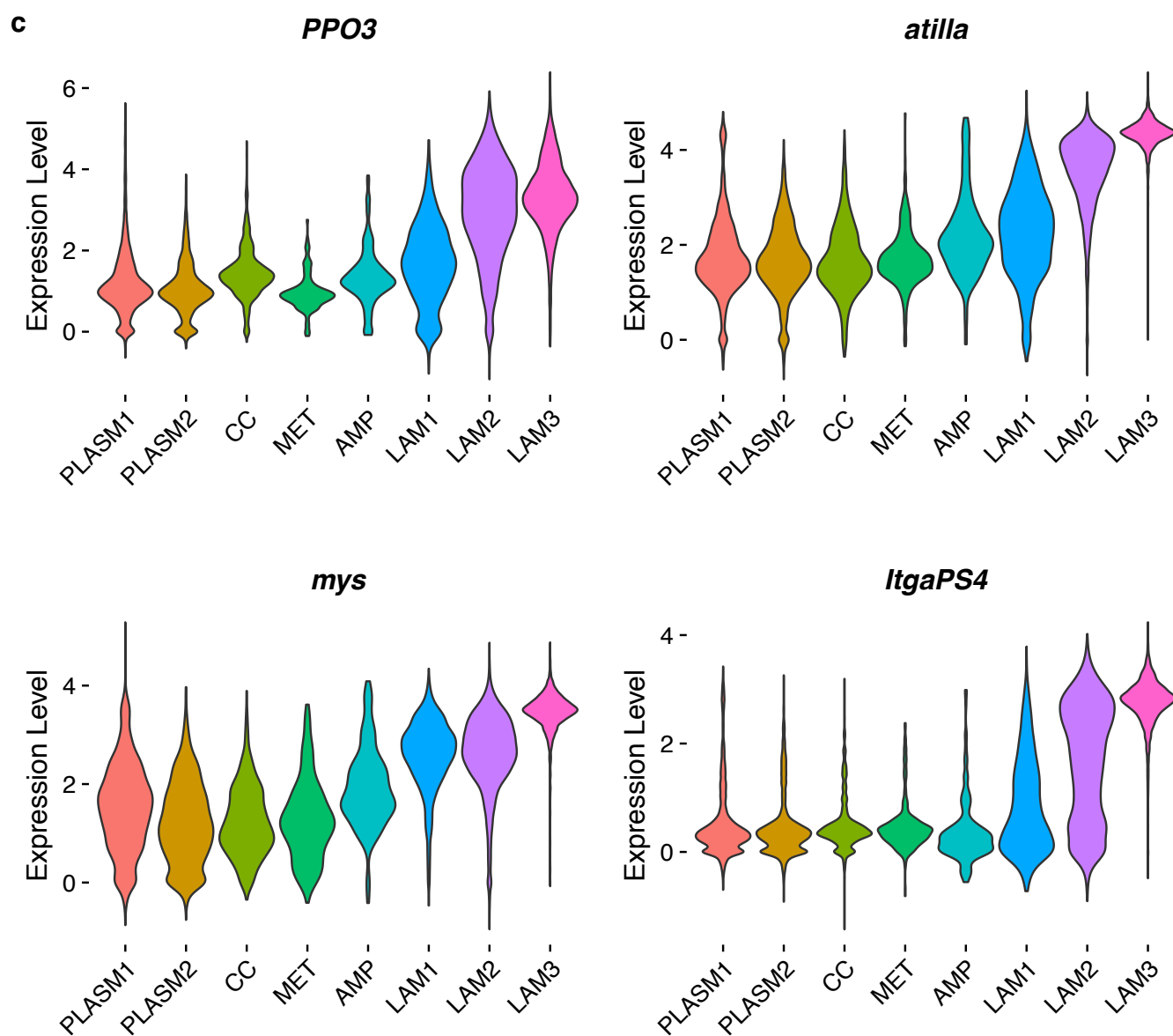
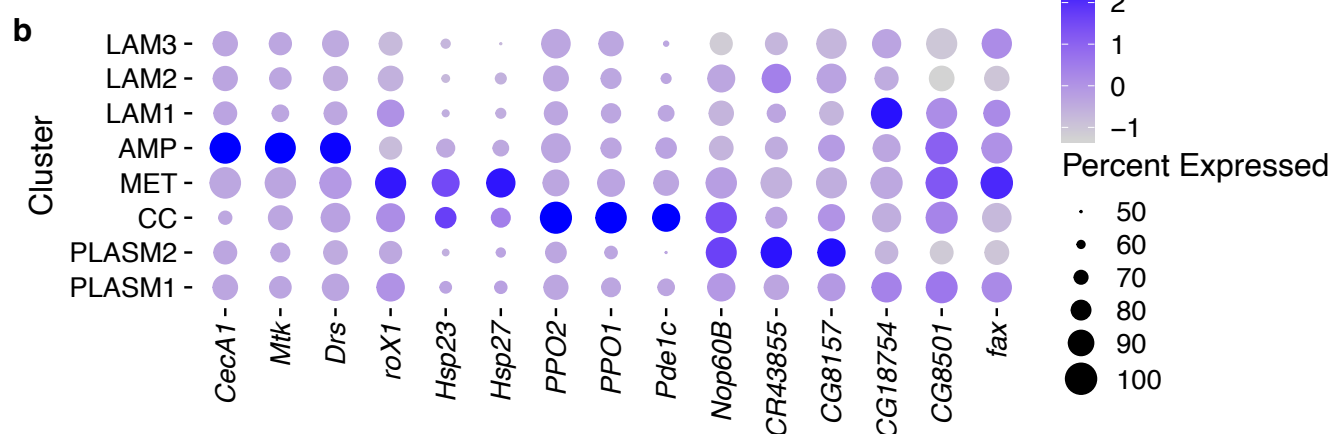
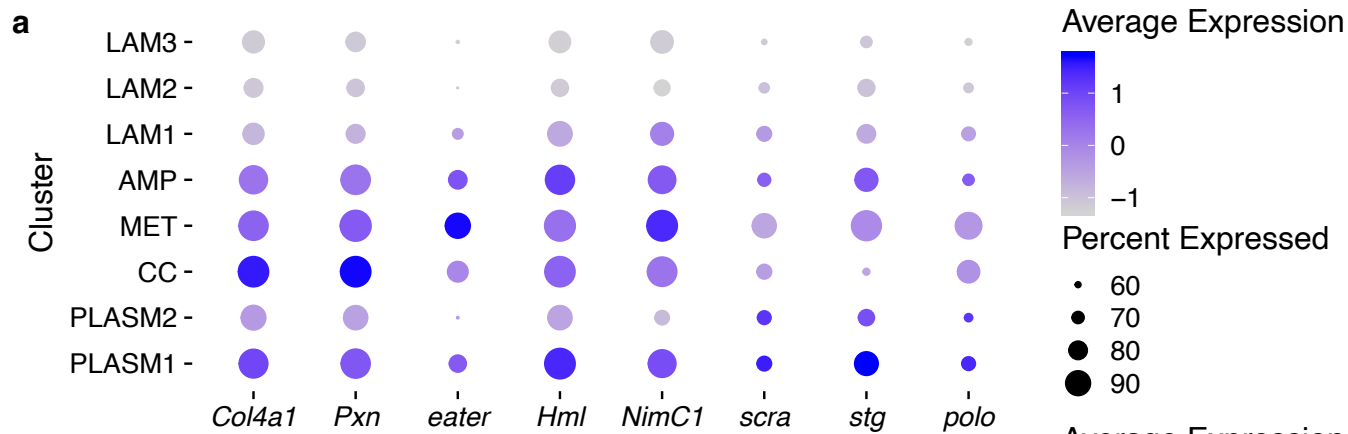
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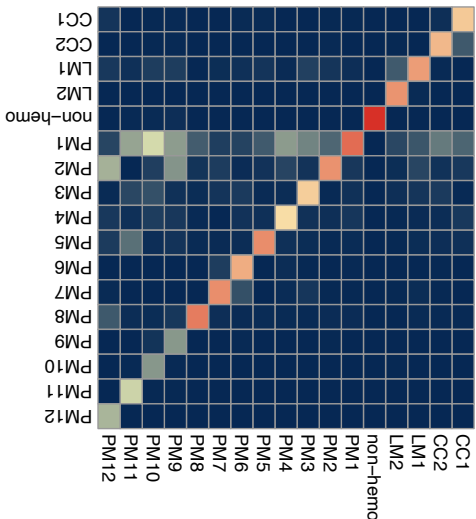
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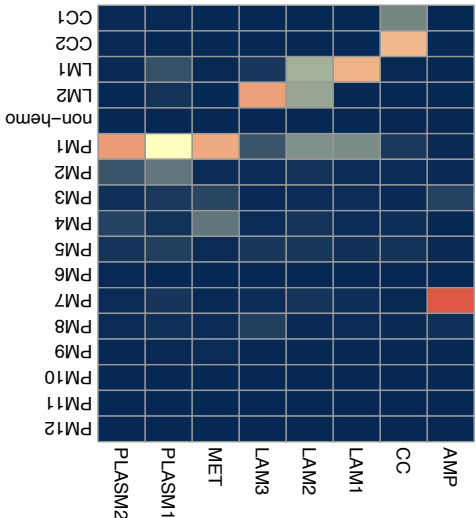




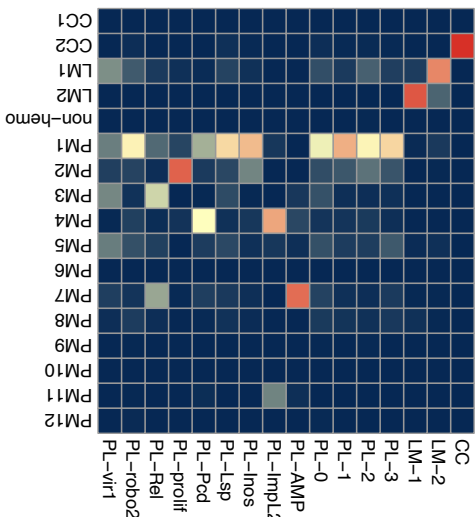
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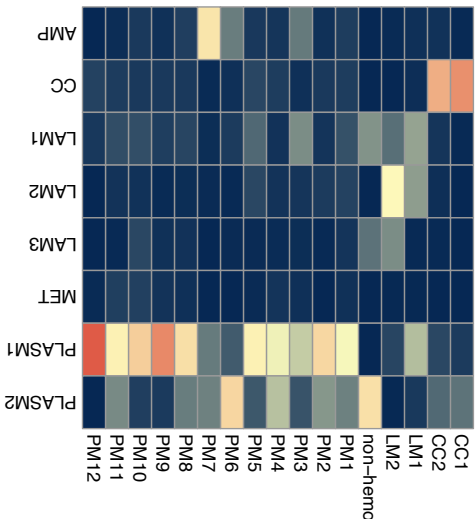
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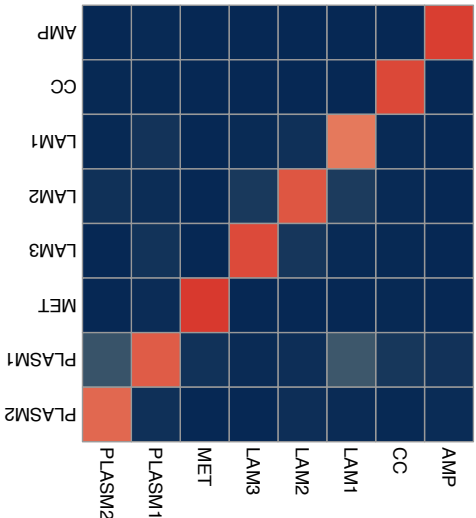
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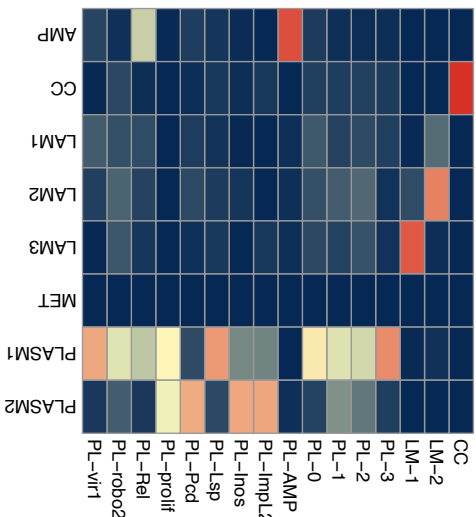
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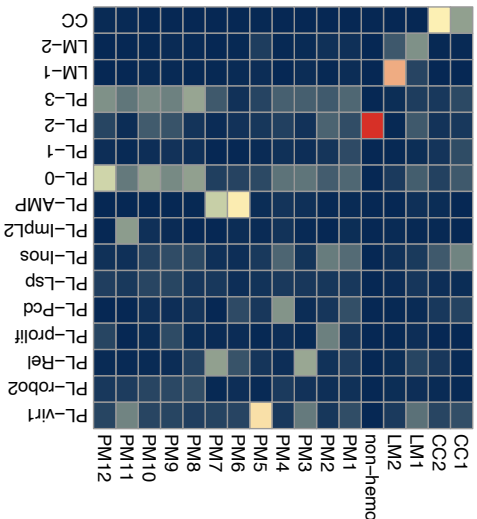
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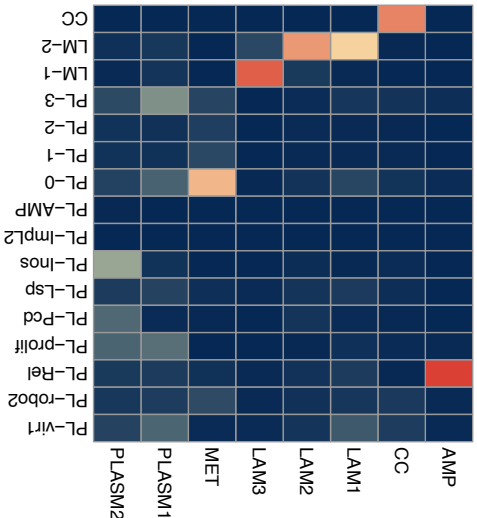
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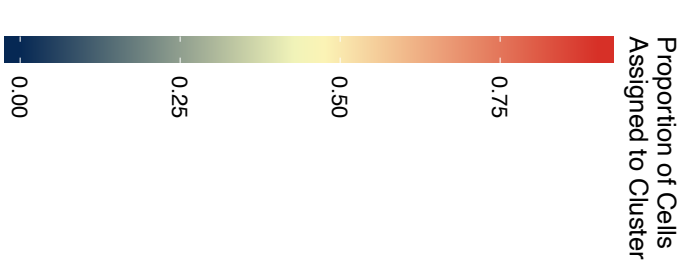
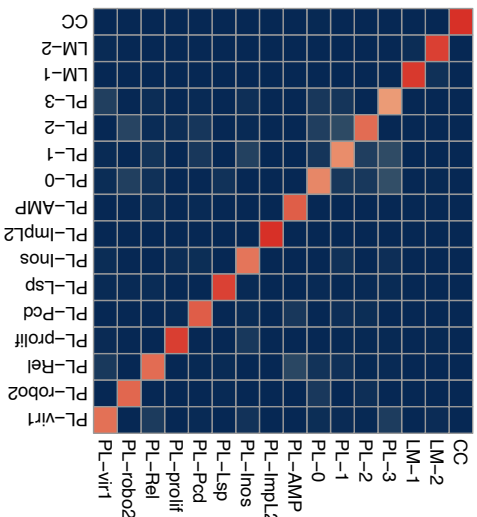
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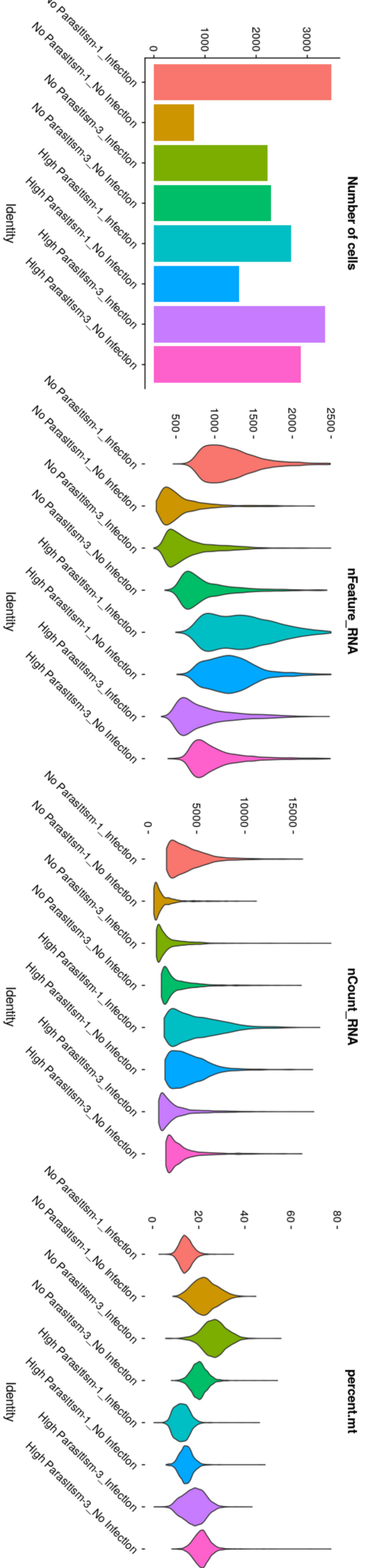
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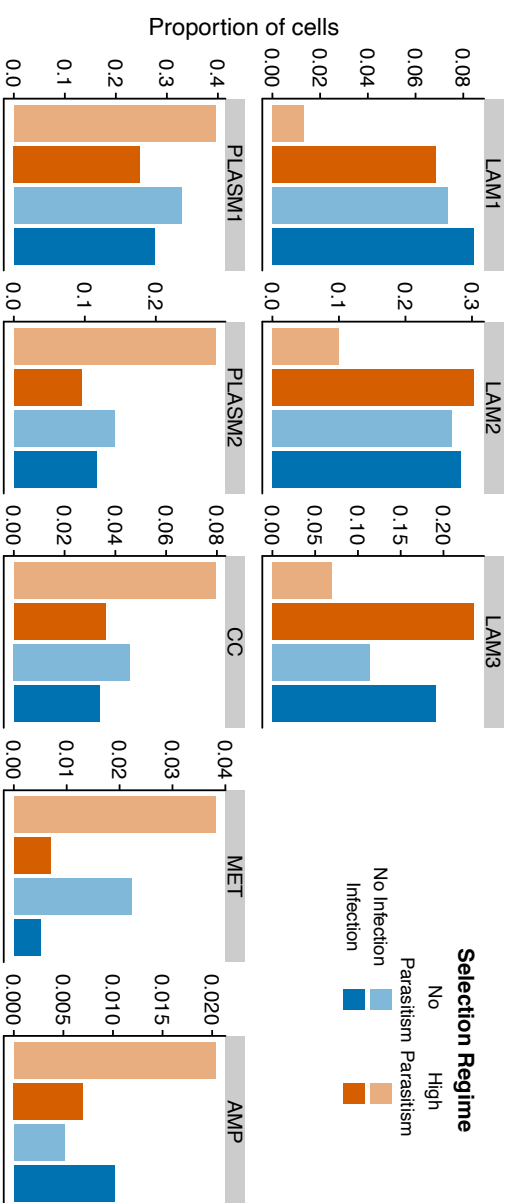
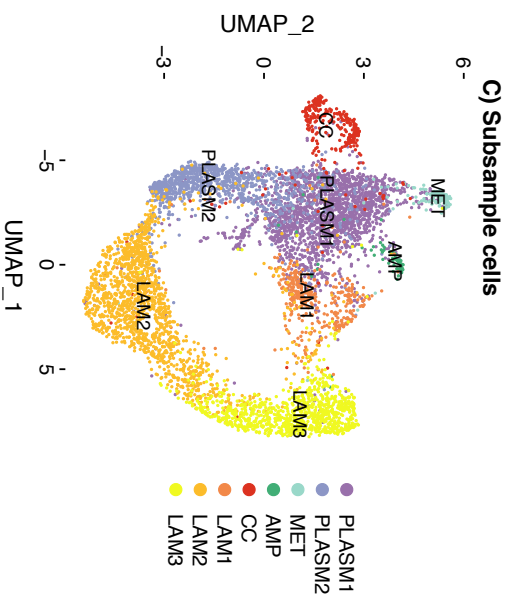
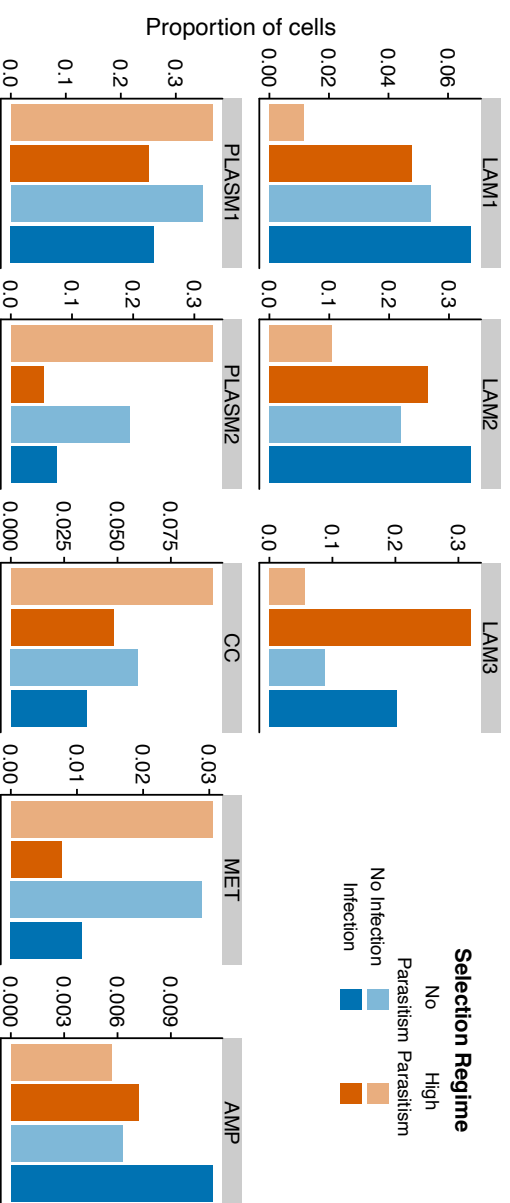
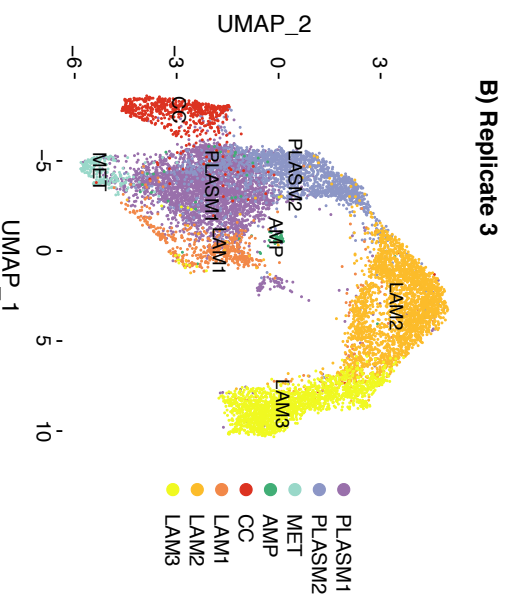
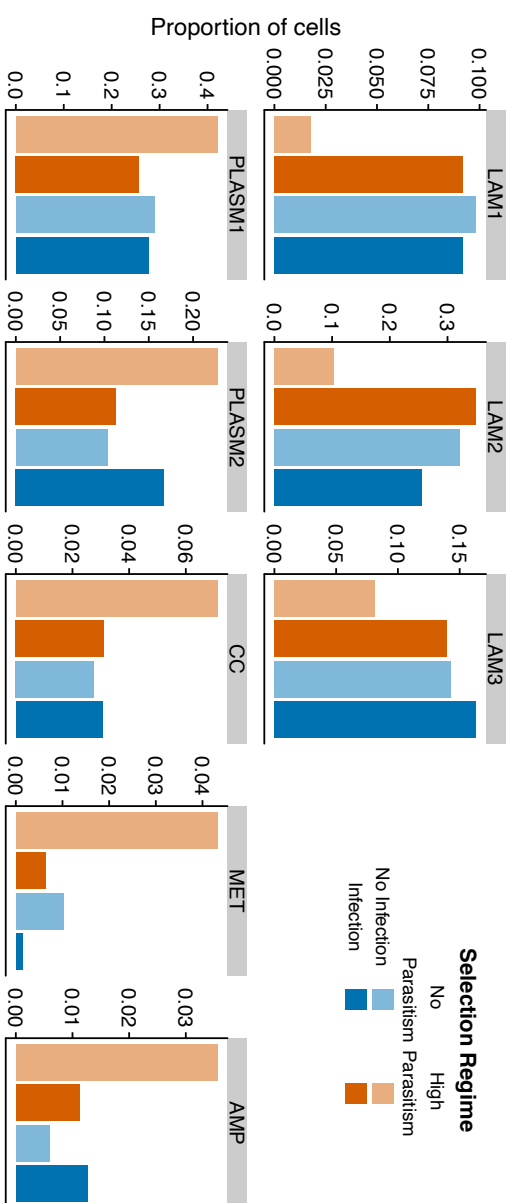
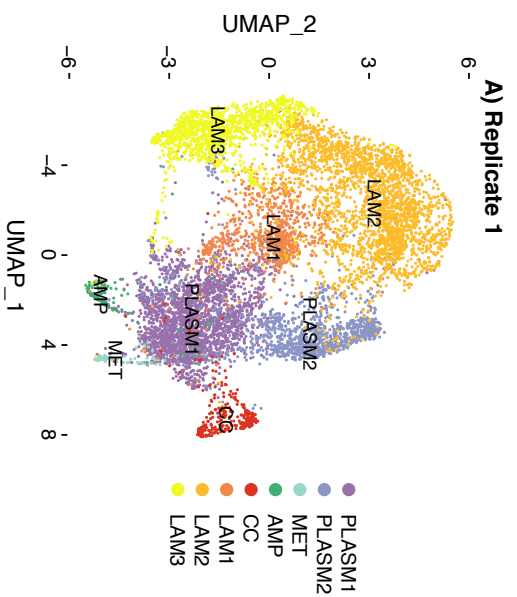


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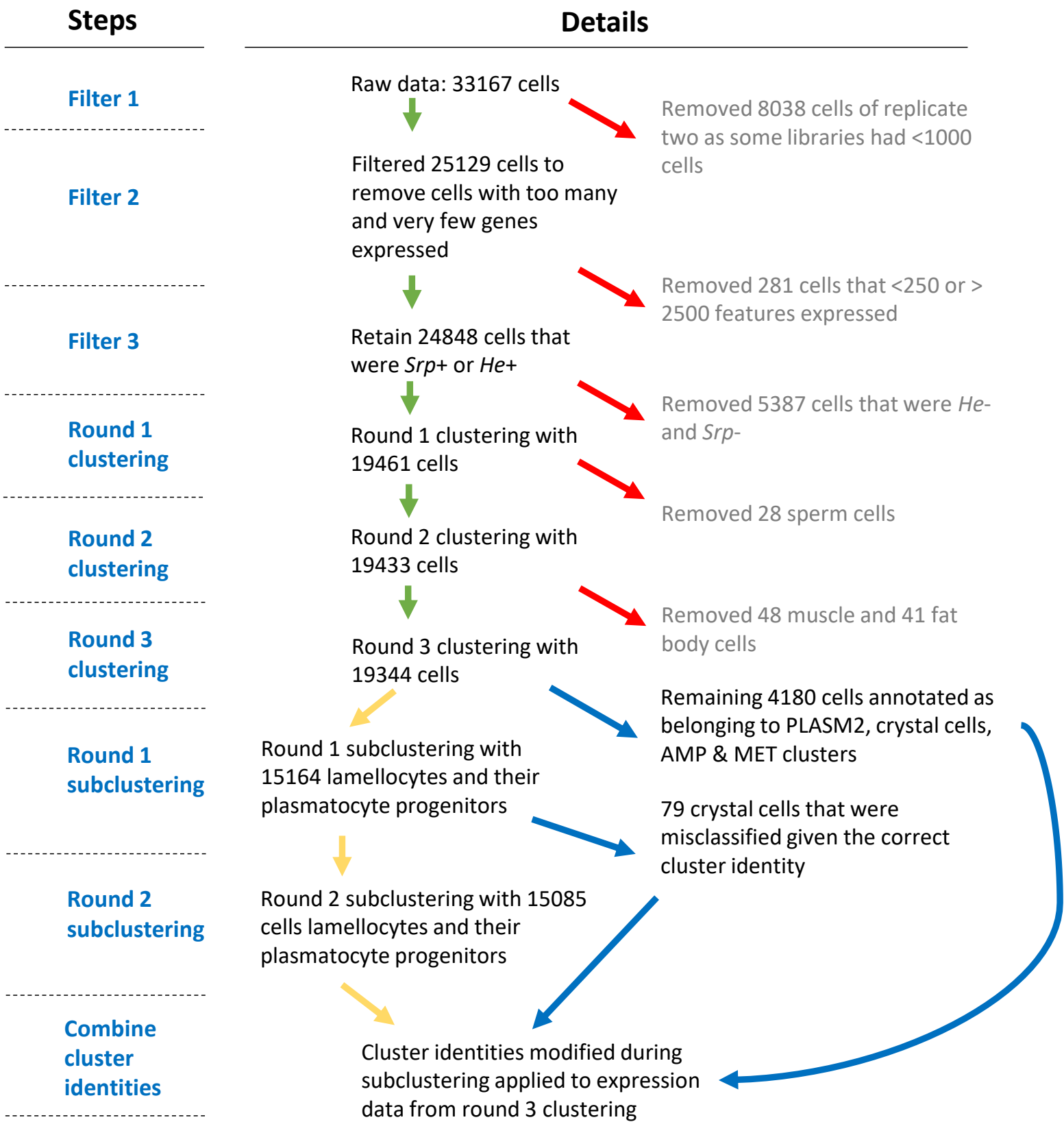


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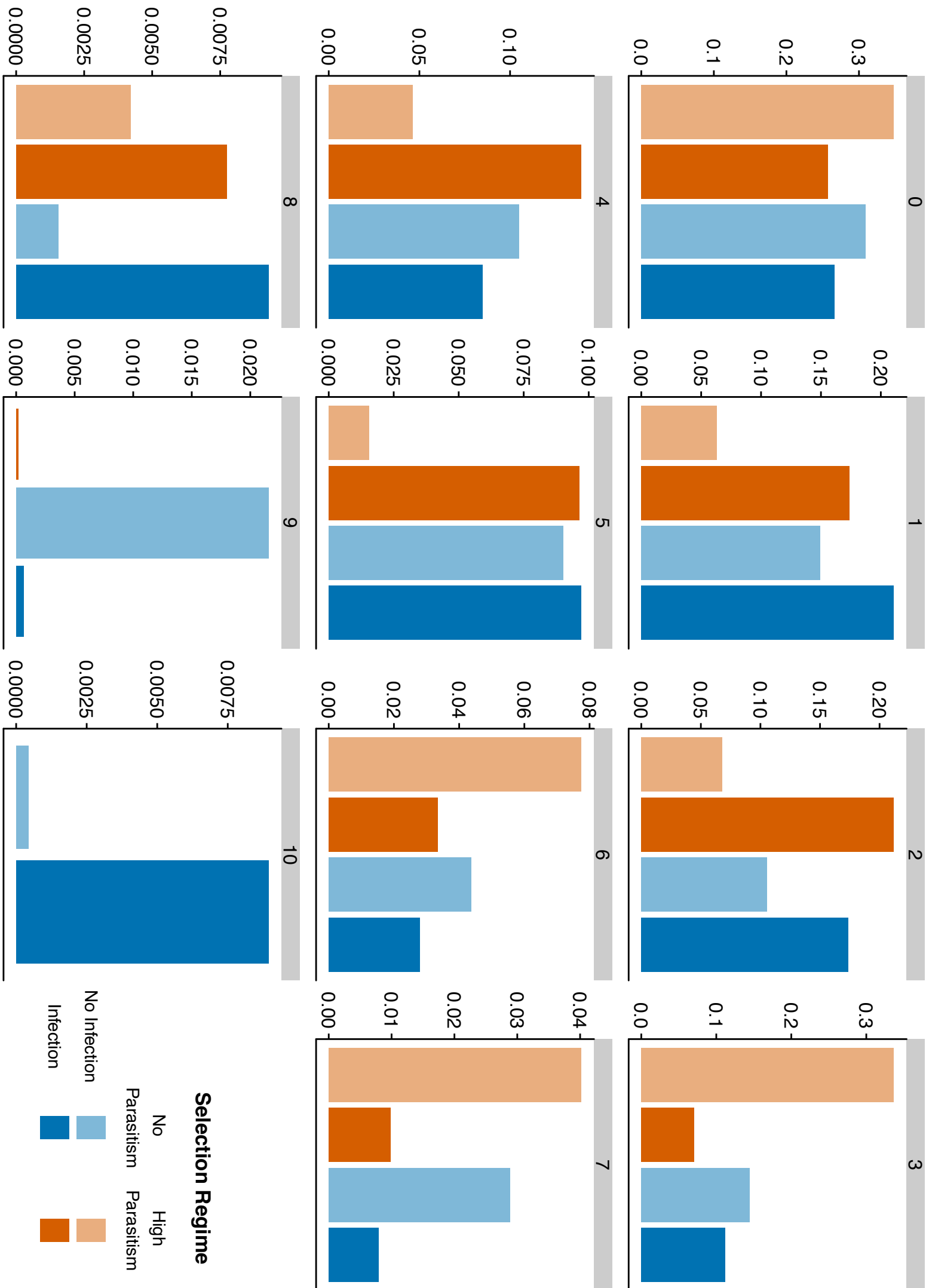


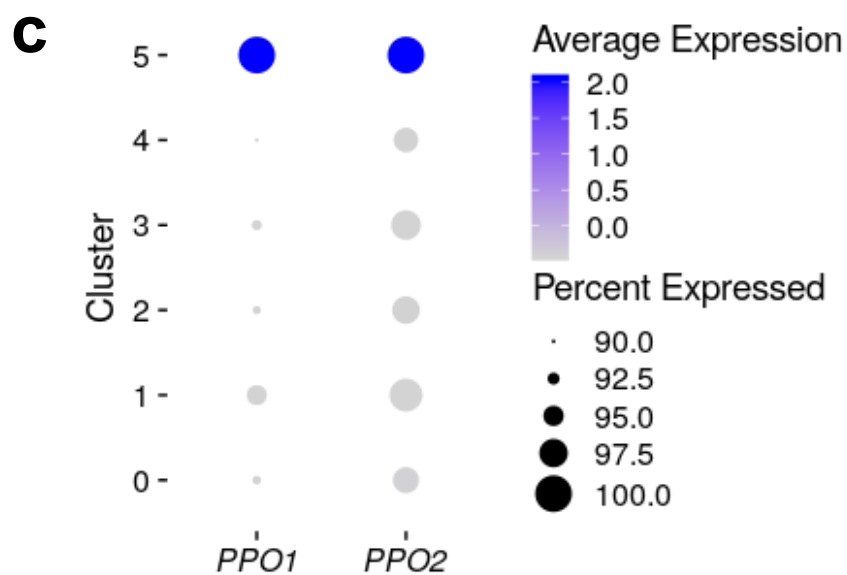
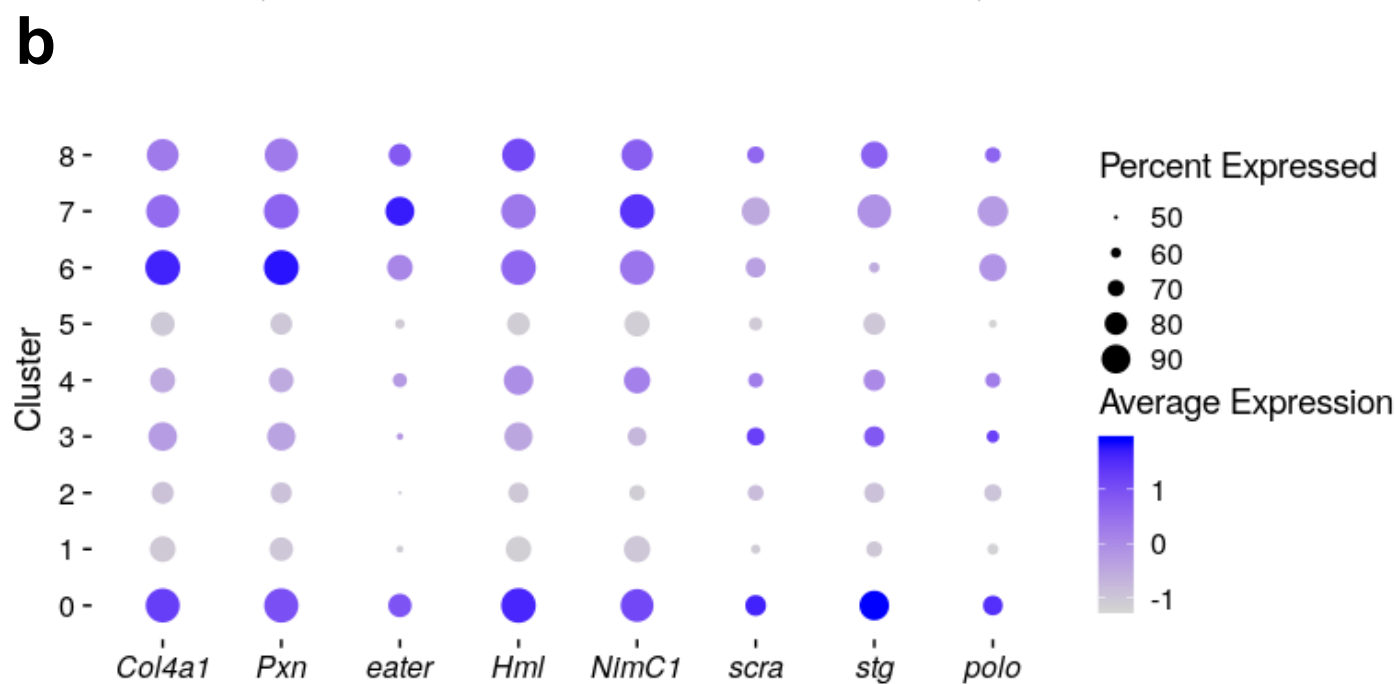
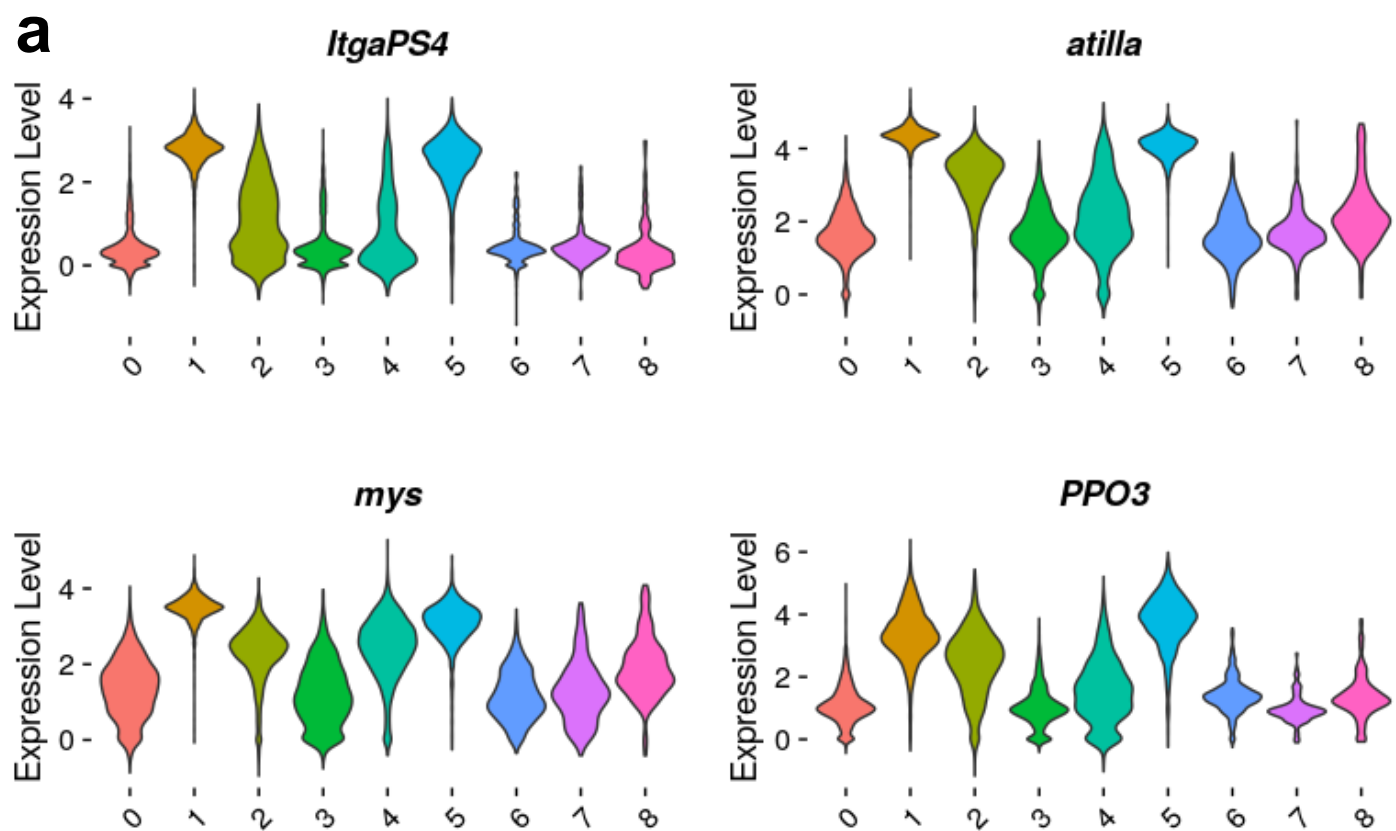


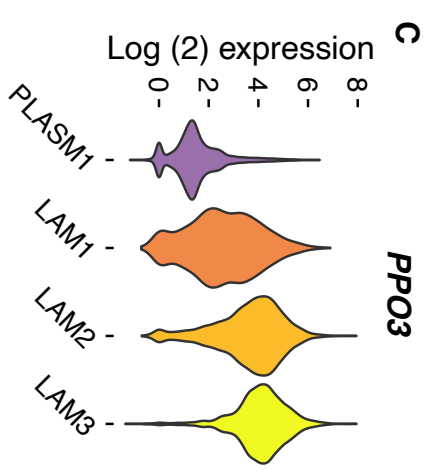
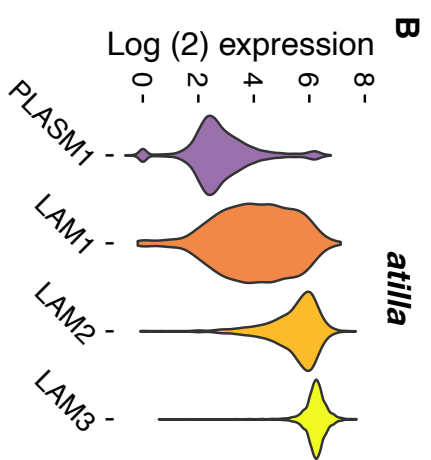
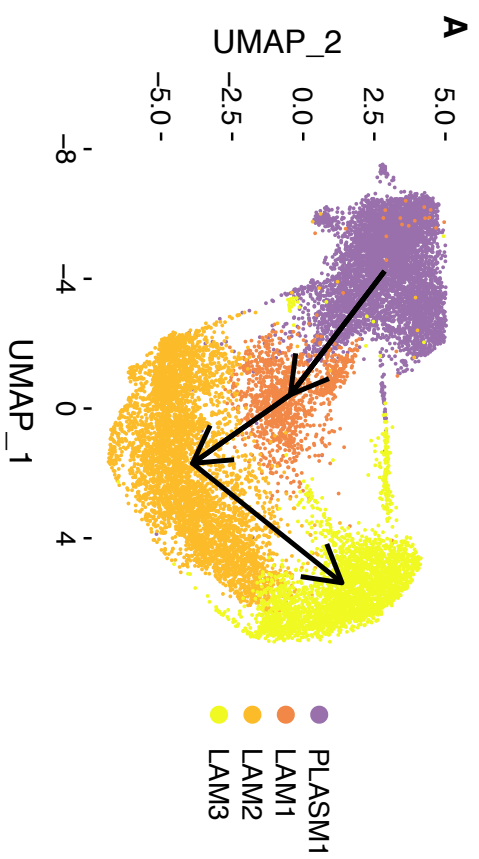




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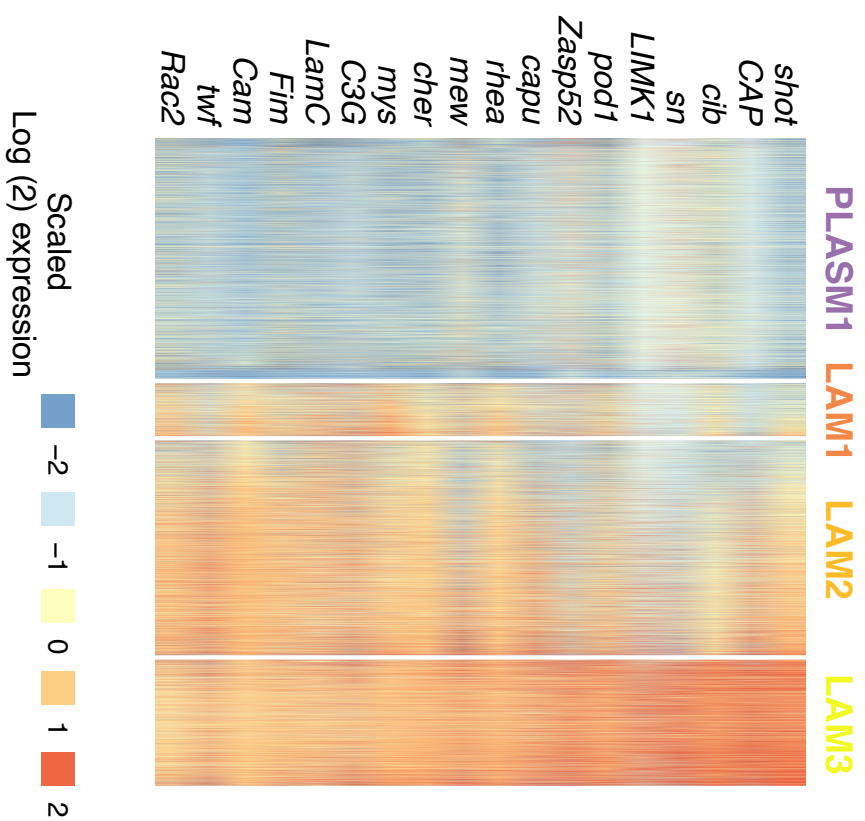




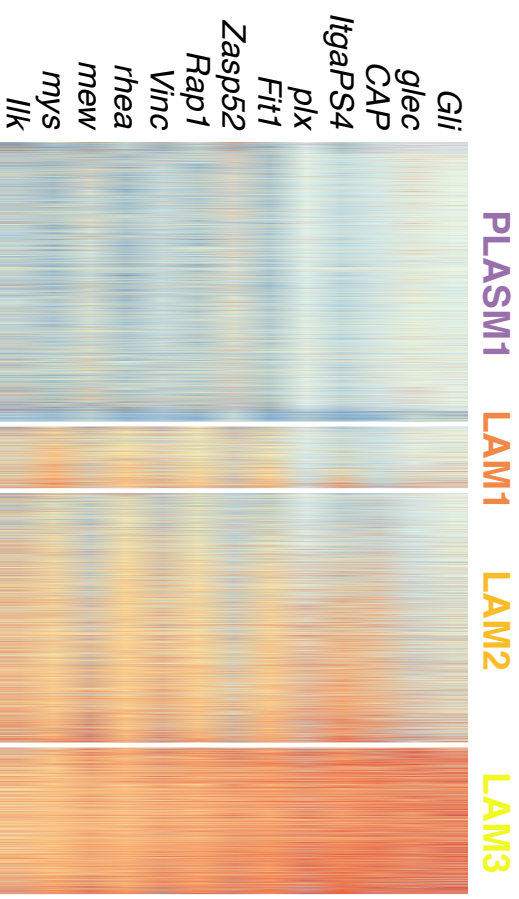


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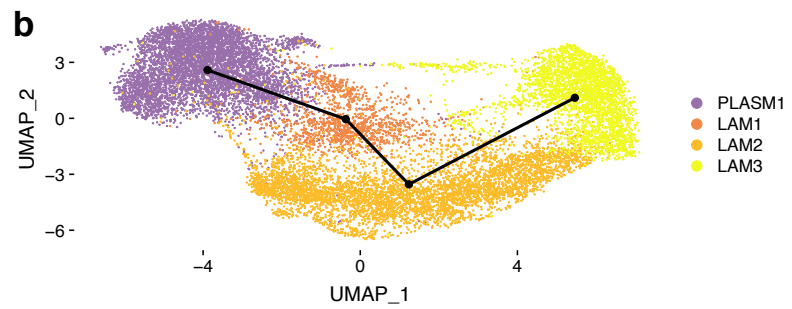
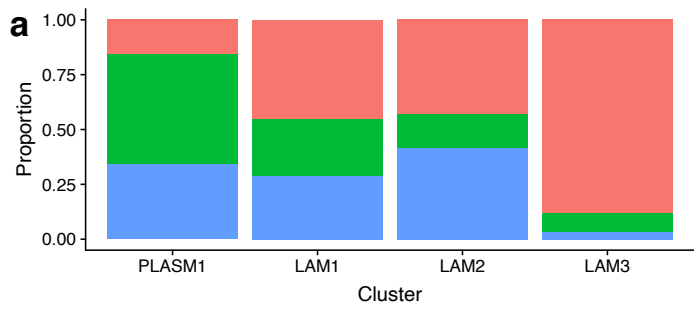


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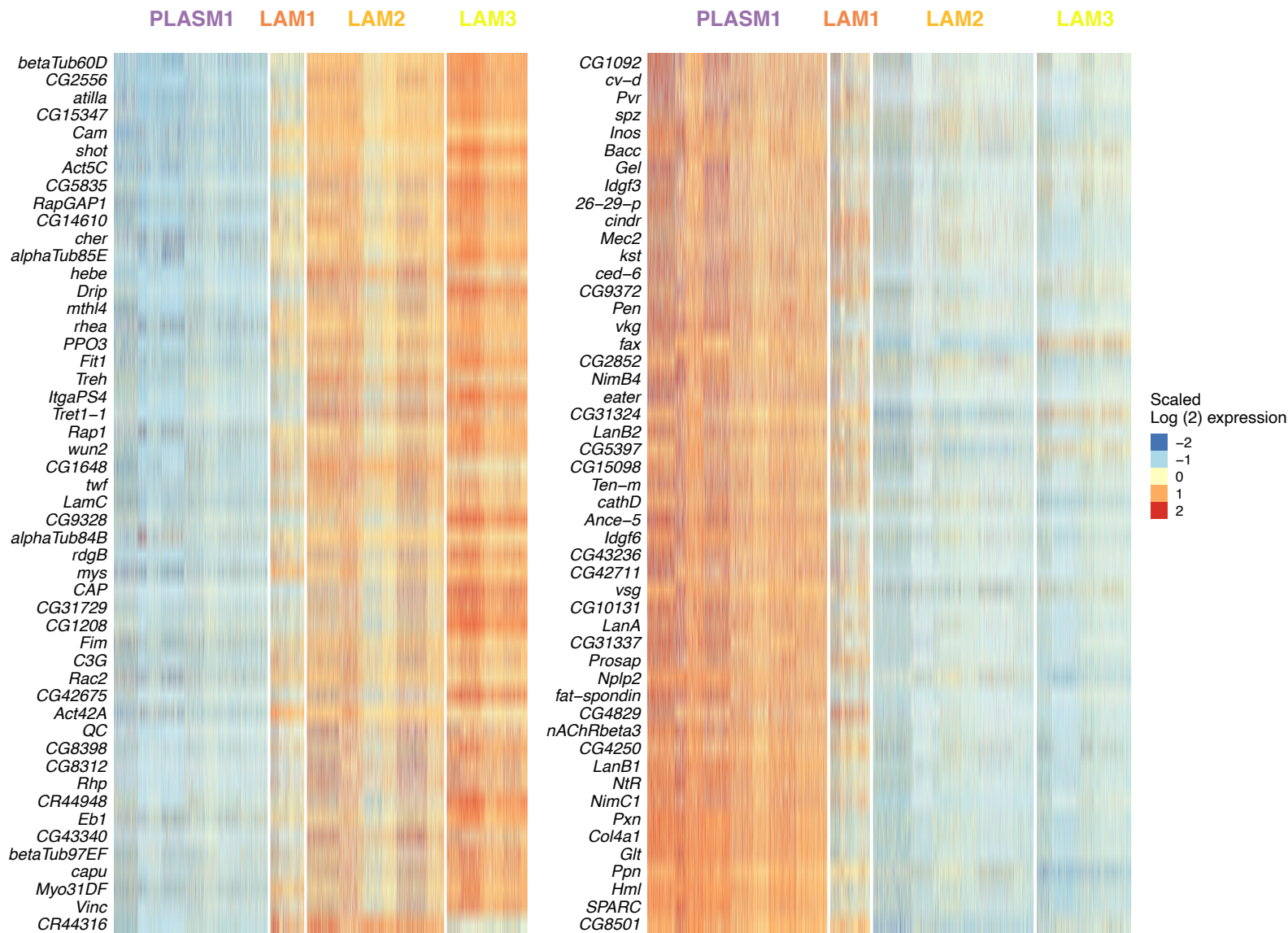


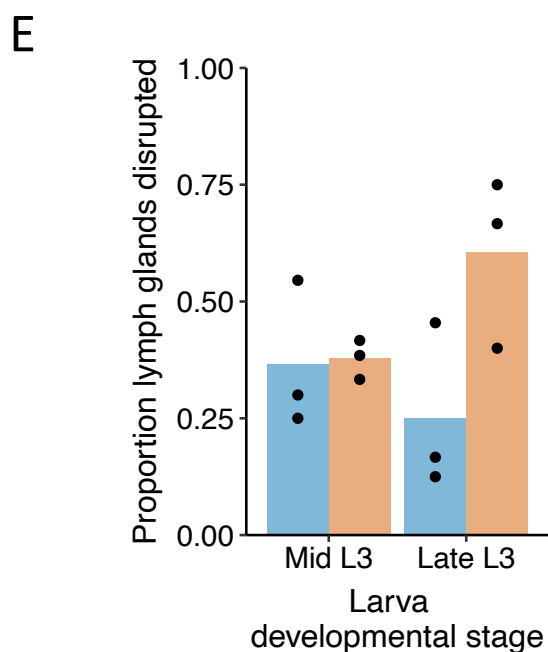
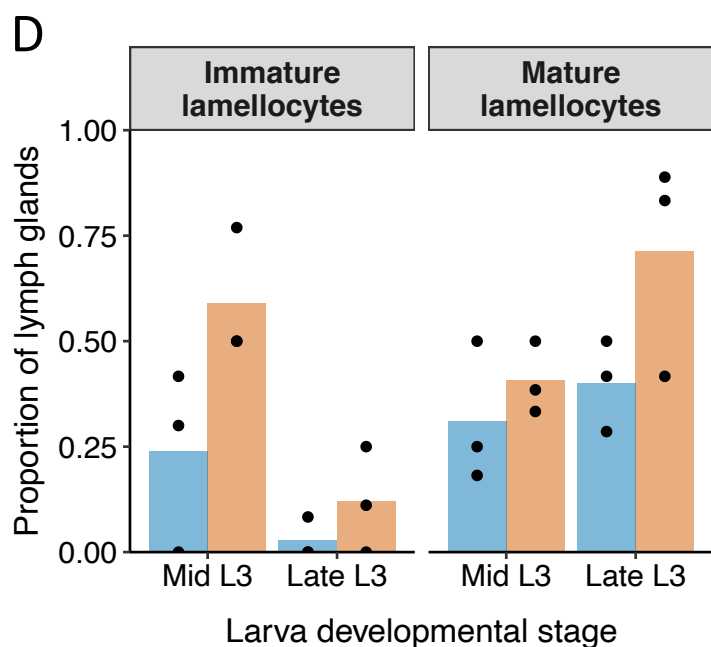
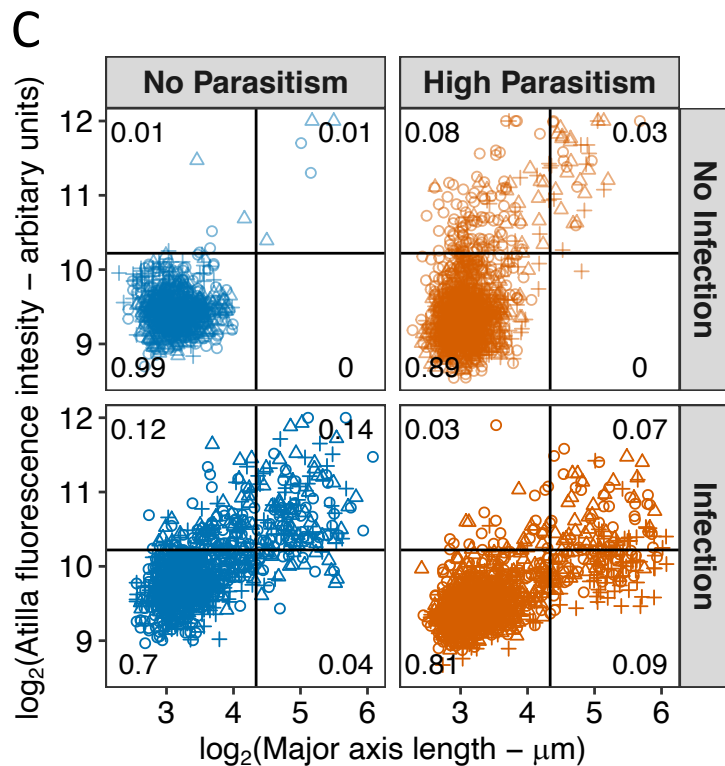
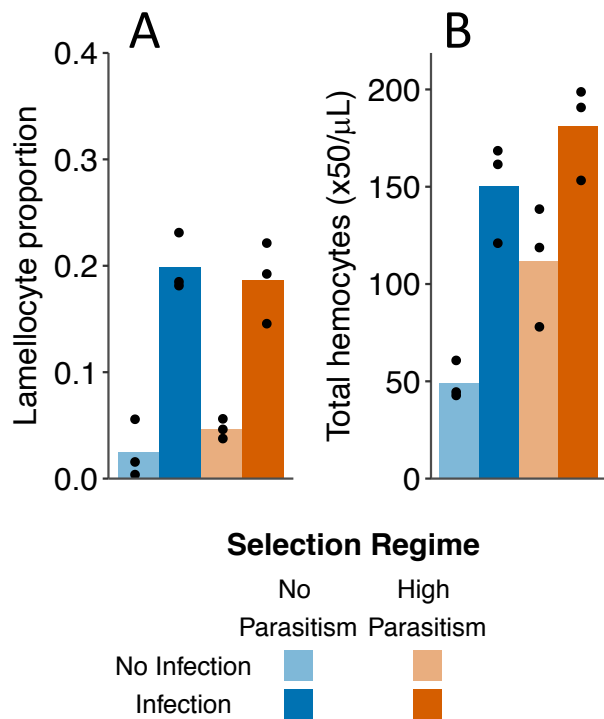
### Extracellular structure organization

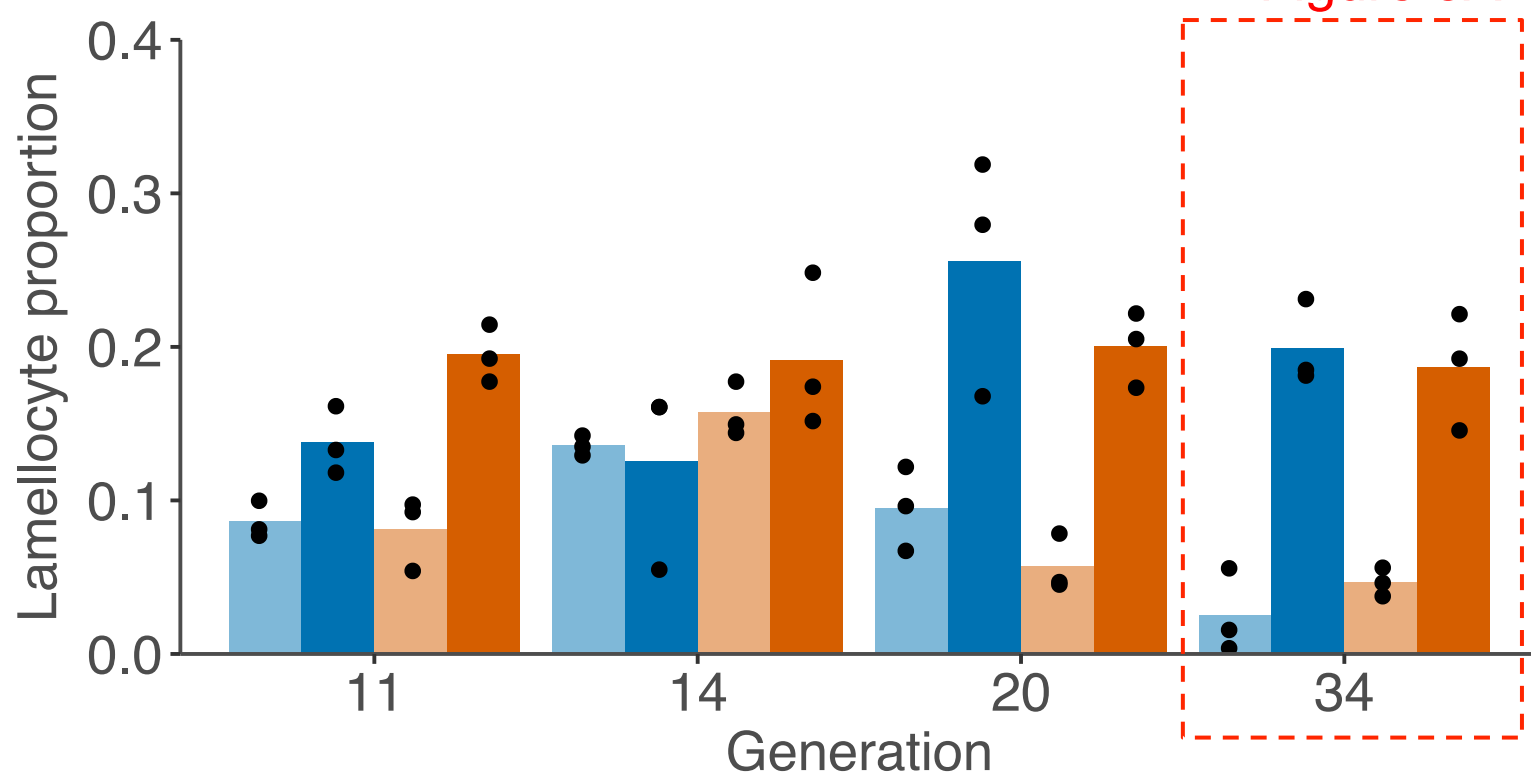
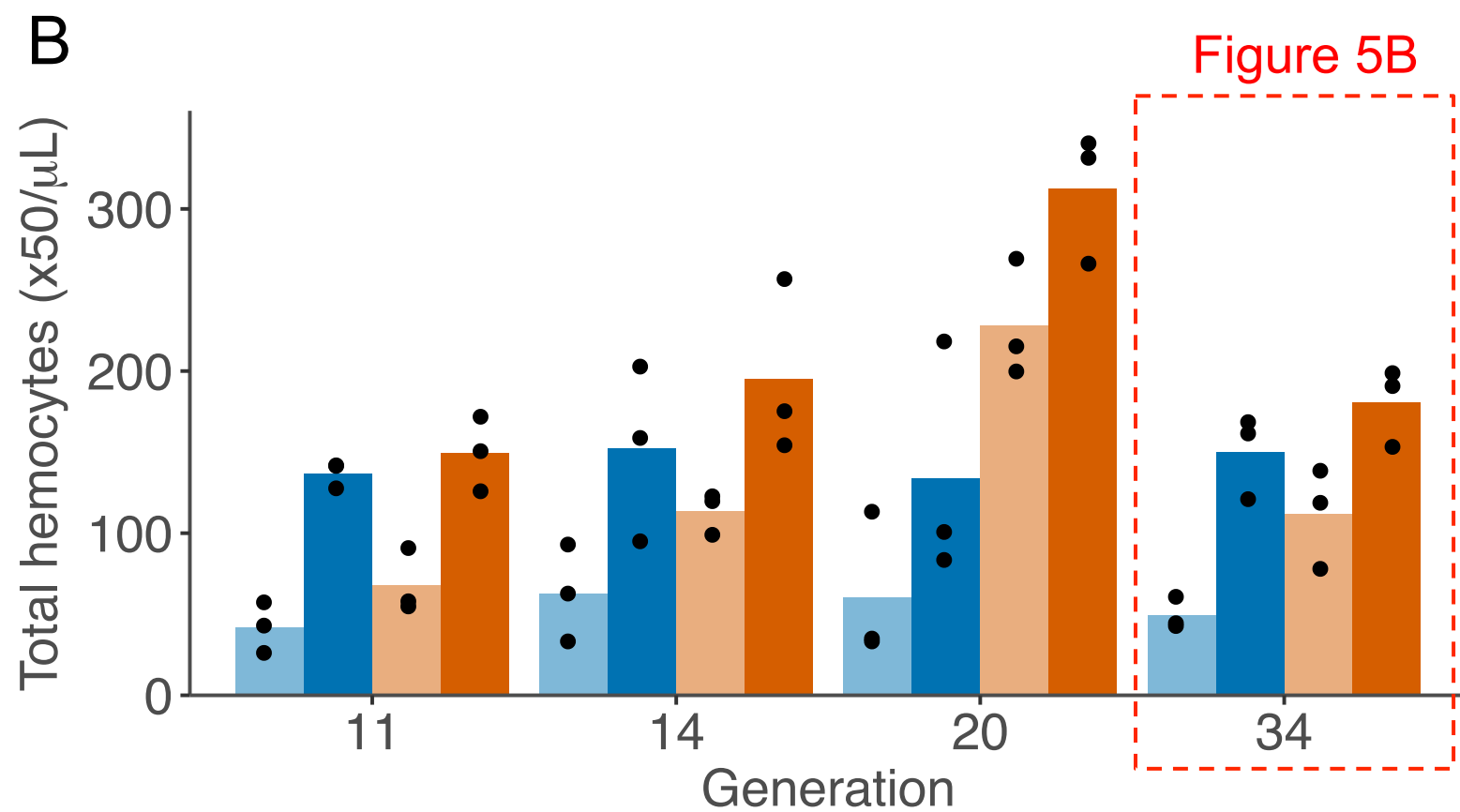




**c** **Top 100 lineage markers**





**A****B**

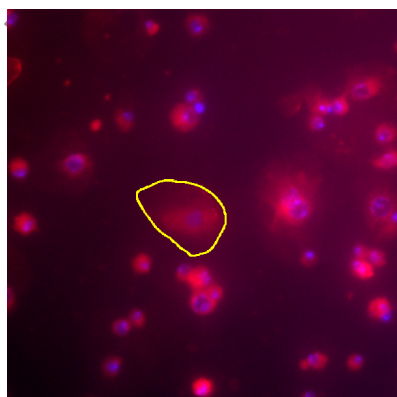
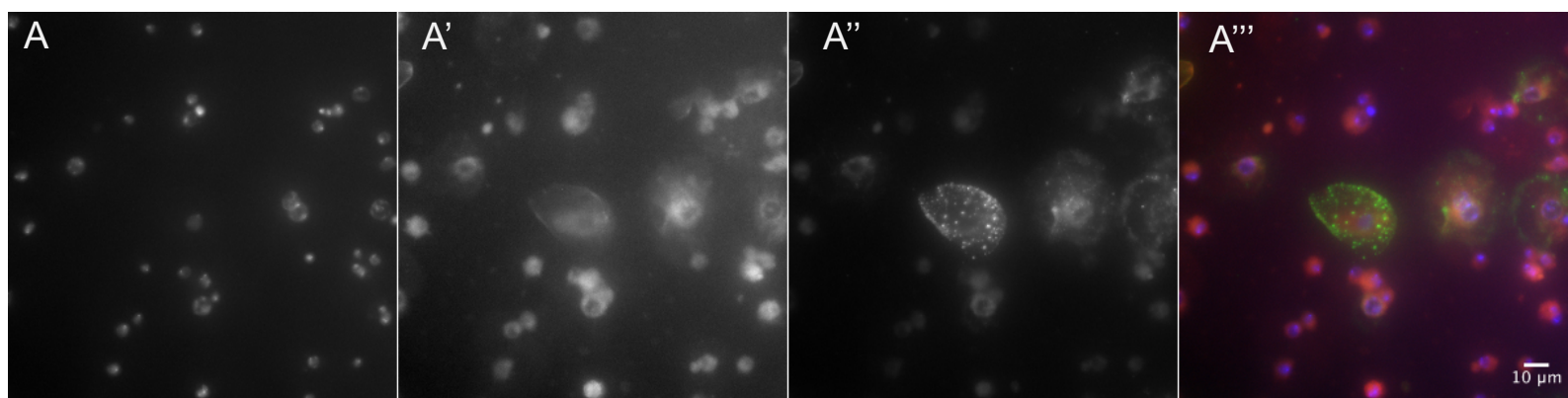


Nuclei hoechst33342

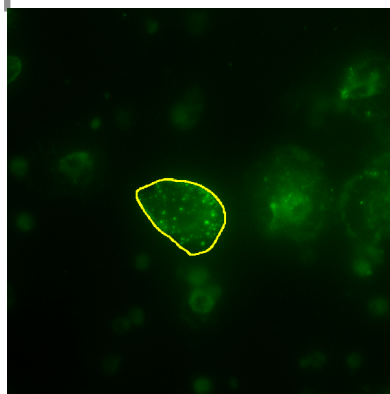
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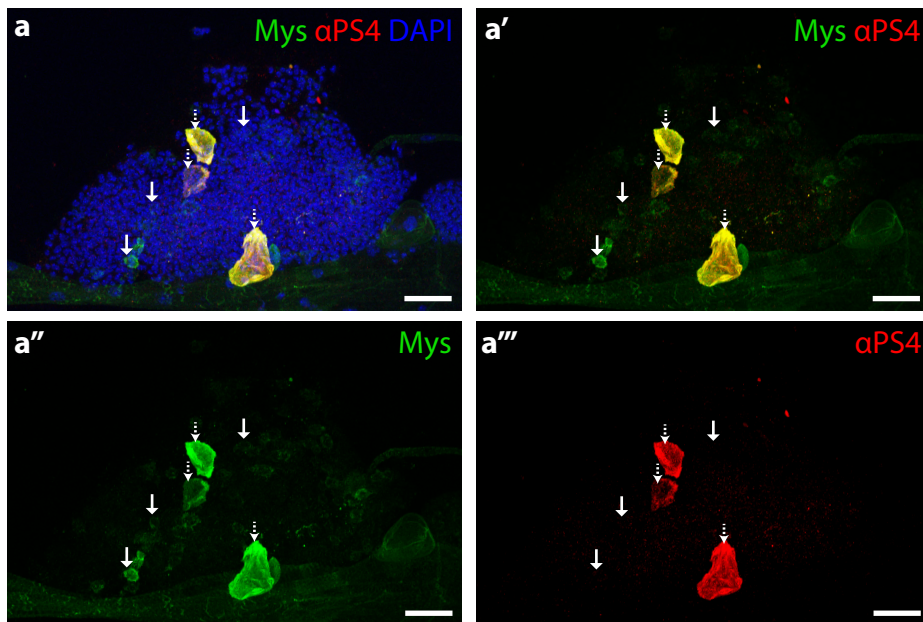


Identify cells with nuclear  
and actin staining



Measure fluorescence  
intensity and size

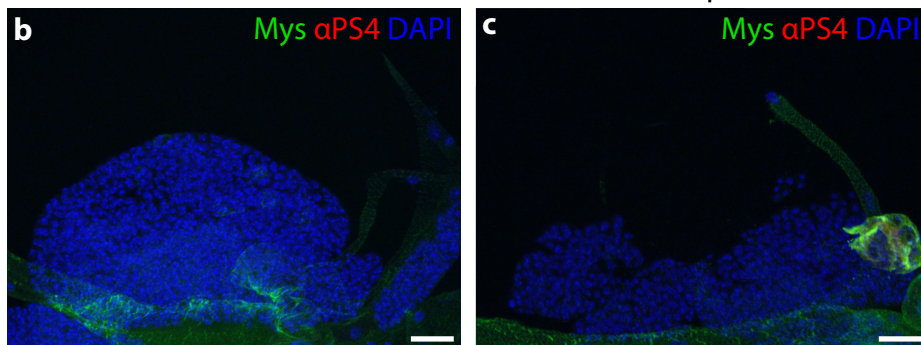




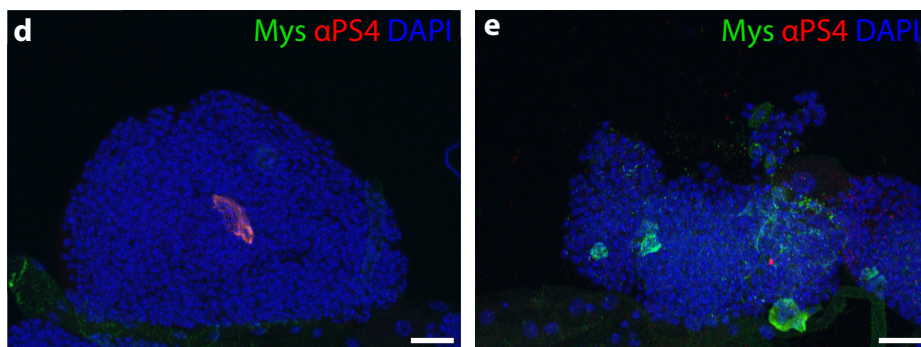
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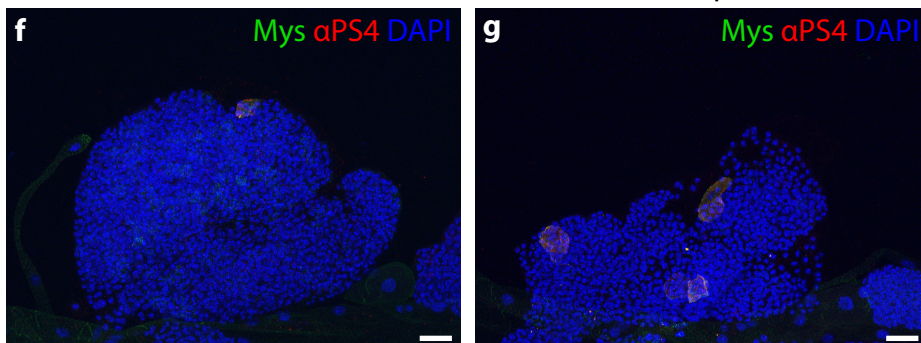
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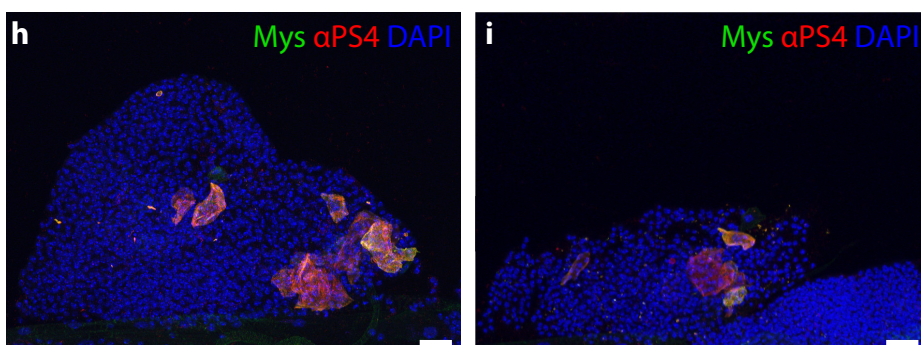
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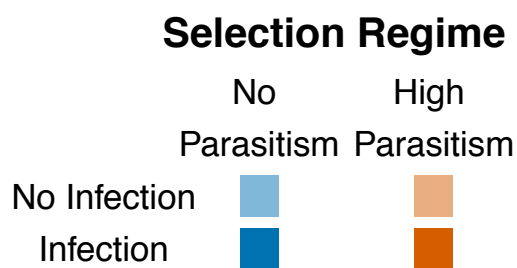
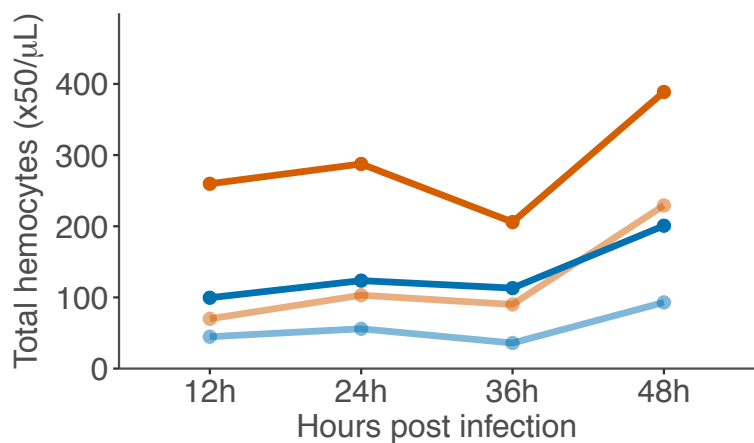
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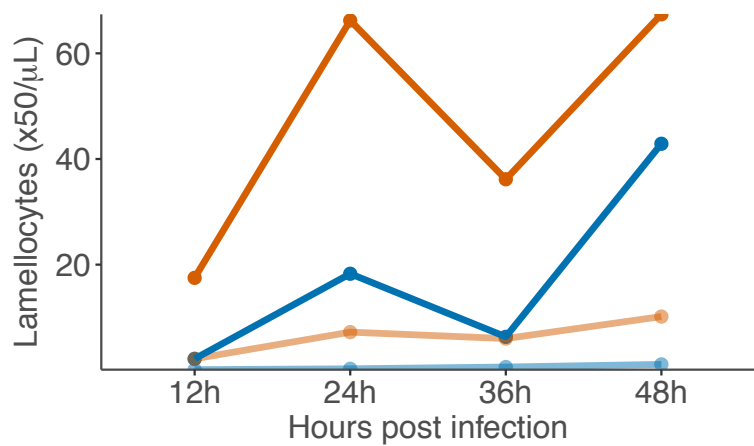
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**A**



**B**



**C**

